



Secretary Shaw made people open their eyes at a speech he made in Baltimore the other day to the School for Instruction in the Revenue Cutter Service.

last 10 years of service for each year of service, but no one shall be paid a greater amount than \$1,000 per annum, and all salaries in excess of \$2,000 per annum shall be reduced to \$2,000 for all purposes of the act.

The Chief of Police of Washington recommends that women go armed with a hat pin. The law does not permit the carrying of weapons of defense.

This is the sort of thing which makes Senator Tillman approve himself and his friends. It was adopted by the State Convention of South Carolina Democrats last Thursday.

Congress has been impertuned to give larger appropriation for the Police Department, but has failed to do so, which is certainly a penny-wise and million-dollar foolish thing.

Secretary Taft believes in preparing for war whether there is any prospect of going to war or not. He has been urging the necessity of a cable between this country and Guantanamo, Porto Rico, and Panama.

The body of the late Carl Schurz was laid to rest in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery at Tarrytown, N. Y., last Friday.

An omnibus bill, carrying about \$1,300,000 and providing for about 25 projects as "aids to navigation," was reported by the House Committee on Interior and Foreign Commerce last week.

The Post Office is having trouble again. Down in Raleigh, N. C. there is a free-delivery carrier who happens to be of black skin, though he seems to have very white kind of brains.

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Michael Davitt, the great Irish leader, lies at the point of death. He has a devoted sister in the Treasury Department here in Washington.

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Gen. Greely, in a telegram to the War Department, declares that the reports that a large number of persons were killed in San Francisco by the Army are incorrect and misleading.

After five years of labor, a civil service retirement bill has been perfected by the United States Civil Service Retirement Association. It was introduced in the House by Representative Fowler of New Jersey, and in the Senate by Senator Stanford of California.

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he will press the work on the type of waterway he now has in mind. Able Secretary of the Navy Newberry has ordered Capt. Drake, of the battleship Wisconsin, on the Asiatic station, to investigate thoroughly and report to the Department on the charge that Capt. H. B. Benson, U. S. M. C., instructed the band to play "Always in the Way" at the funeral of a marine.

The Navy Department is decidedly on its feet about the recent case of music being played as a marine was being buried. If it is discovered that it was the fault of the band leader, then he is as good as dismissed in disgrace.

William T. Vernon, a negro of Kansas, was confirmed by the Senate for Register of the Treasury, to succeed the late Secretary of the Treasury, W. T. Vernon, therefore, will go upon every gold and silver certificate issued by the Government.

The order to execute a bronze statue of Baron von Steuben, Major-General and Inspector General in the Continental Army, has been ordered by the Von Steuben Statue Commission, of which Secretary Taft is Chairman.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Chaplain, read to the Senate when it convened on Monday morning a week ago a text from the Scriptures which members regarded as timely.

The matter of completed legislation up to this time, as presented by Congress has broken all previous records. According to the files of the index clerks in the State Department, more than 3,000 laws have been enacted.

Representative Kahn, of California, who rushed across the continent a short time ago to protect his wife and children from the recent fire in San Francisco, returned to the city yesterday, and at the New Willard told of what he saw.

The thing that saved San Francisco, said Mr. Kahn, "was the fact that two-thirds of the residence portion escaped. The business men did not have everything swept out of existence, and therefore there was something left for them to build up anew."

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Five feet and five inches is the minimum height for commissioned officers entering the Army from civil life fixed by a general order published last week by Gen. Bell, Chief of Staff of the Army.

The recognized dog population of the District is 8,444 and for the past year the District has realized \$20,000 from the taxes on the dog population.

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An example of what rich people can do with their money was seen at "Boundary Castle" one evening last week. Founder of the "Castle" was John B. Henderson, formerly a United States Senator from Missouri.

Then up spoke brave Horatius, for he must have been brave who suggested it. "Bring the stuff up and pour it into the gutter." And they did it.

It is said that the President is much incensed at the Committee on Intercoastal Canals because it chose to report in favor of a sea-level canal instead of a lock canal, which he favors.

The recent calamity that overwhelmed our great cities, says the report, "The assertion that any particular spot in the tropics is exempt from all danger from such convulsions or from any recently visited California or wrought great havoc near Charleston, S. C. in 1886, or changed the face of nature in southeastern Missouri near the beginning of this century, would be regarded as a very wise man."

The canal structures that would be most exposed to injury by the passing of an earth wave or violent movement of the earth's surface are the locks proposed by the minority, whose walls, according to the report, are from 100 to 150 feet long at Gatun, would, at least some of them, be more than 75 feet high and entirely unsupported on one side.

The report, which is quite long and which studiously confines itself to a statement of evident facts to support the position of the majority, is being read by the committee, carefully recites a long list of reasons, but chief among them seems to be the earthquake theory, and which must have seemed to be a kind of God-sent calamity.

Capt. Hyland Kirk, well known to National Tribune readers through his poems and sketches, appeared before the Committee on Patents the other day with a model of a new kind of patent for the protection of originators of horticultural products.

Monday, May 14.—The entire session was devoted to consideration of amendments to the Railroad-rate bill. The Republicans, under the lead of Mr. Hale, continued to vote solidly to lay on the table every amendment offered by Mr. La Follette.

The House spent all day in the consideration of District business. The session was enlivened somewhat by a colloquy between Mr. Gurnea and Mr. Babcock on the subject of railway passes.

May 15.—The Senate virtually concluded considerations, as in Committee of the Whole, of amendments to the Railroad-rate bill, and but for a possible renewal to-day of the debate on the Culberson anti-pass amendment, would be ready for a final vote on the bill this afternoon.

Senator Dubois, of Idaho, is quite ill, suffering, it is thought, from ptomaine poisoning. Representative Ketchum, the "father of the House" now, and a very old man, is quite ill. Gen. Ketchum has a splendid military record, serving in the 15th U. S. Infantry.

A suit of chain mail once owned and worn by Gov. Alexander Burnside, of Alaska, has just come into possession of the Smithsonian Institution. The suit was the gift of George Kostromoff, a resident of Sitka. He had heard of the armor and had bought it for many years, for it had come into their possession after the death of Gov. Burnside and was highly prized by them.

Under the new order, officers at posts are charged with the responsibility of preventing visitors from obtaining information which might be communicated to some foreign power, but commanding officers are empowered to permit "American citizens, whose loyalty to the Government is unquestioned," to visit such portions of the post as the commanding officers may deem proper.

The Signal Service has begun a series of experiments with an adaptation of the skyrocket to the communication, serviceable in the daytime as well as at night. The new scheme has been found to give highly satisfactory results between stations 15 or 20 miles apart.

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Converse is in delicate health just now, but it is expected that he will take a long leave of absence this summer for the benefit of his health. Admiral Converse is a native of Vermont and began his naval service in November, 1861. His last tour of sea service expired in October, 1903, since which time he has been on duty in this country on various important assignments.

Orders have been issued at the Navy Department for the repair of the old gunboats Alvarado and Sandoval, captured from the Spanish navy. These vessels, which are in pretty bad condition, are at the Norfolk Navy Yard. It is estimated that it will cost about \$15,000 to put the vessels in habitable and seaworthy condition.

A memento of the San Francisco horror was received at the Redemption Division of the Treasury Department last week in the shape of a steel money box or safe. The contents consisted of \$245 in paper currency, a number of coins and a gold ring.

The Senate was seated to its fullest capacity during this episode, half the members of the House were also on the floor, and the galleries were packed. The debate was most dramatic. Not a sound was heard while Senator Tillman and Bailey spoke, and no applause followed their remarks.

After a vigorous fight against the Naval Commission's program adding another big battleship to the Navy at this session of Congress, the House rallied in the consideration of the bill for the vote of 135 to 103. The bill was not passed.

May 17.—Slow progress was made in the consideration of the bill for the authorization bill, without final conclusion being reached. The Senate passed the rate bill amended by the House, with the Senate with the President's desired clause "in its judgment," stricken out. The vote stood 71 to 3 in favor of the bill.

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May 16.—Consideration as in Committee of the Whole of amendments to the Railroad-rate bill was concluded late in the afternoon, and the bill as amended was reported to the Senate. Discussion of the measure by the Senate proper began.

After another short filibuster the House succeeded in finally passing the anti-graft bill, which was reported to an election contest in the 47th Congress. The anti-graft bill, originally passed by both Houses as a result of the cotton-lease scandal, was laid on the table by a vote of 101 to 25, because, as reported by the conferees, it included Congressmen within its provisions.

The 3d Iowa Cav. Editor National Tribune: Please let me see a short history of the 3d Iowa Cav., in The National Tribune.—J. H. Slack, Box 81, Henrietta, Tex.

The 3d Iowa Cav. was organized at Keokuk from Aug. 30, 1851, and finally mustered out Aug. 8, 1855. The first Colonel was Cyrus Bussey, a State Senator, who raised the regiment and made a wonderful record with it in order to reach Gen. Curtis in time for the battle of Pea Ridge.

The 126th Ill. was organized at Alton, Sept. 4, 1862, and mustered out July 26, 1865. Col. Jonathan Richardson resigned, and Lieut.-Col. Lucius W. Bond was in command when the regiment was mustered out. It belonged to the Sixteenth Corps, and lost six killed and 193 died from disease.—Editor National Tribune.

The 185th Ohio. Editor National Tribune: Kindly publish a history of the 185th Ohio in The National Tribune, at your obligation.—George M. Owers, Springfield, O.

The 185th Ohio was organized at Camp Chase, Feb. 25, 1865, to serve one year, and mustered out Sept. 28, 1865, with Col. John E. Cummins in command. It was in the Army of the Cumberland, and lost 35 from disease.—Editor National Tribune.

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