claim was filed some years ago, but the papers are no longer to be found in the Treasury, because a committee of the United States Senate called for them and never returned them. It is said that they were intrusted by the committee to the care of one of the present Senators from Virginia, and that he is now unable to produce them.

A number of the Southern States profess also to have claims against the United States for expenses incurred during the wars with the Creeks and Seminoles. Recently the State of Georgia collected one such claim, amounting to about $73,000, on account of expenses incurred in an Indian war. The State of Missouri has filed claims in the Treasury Department amounting to about $2,500,000 for losses incurred by citizens of that State, disloyal as well as loyal, in the Rebellion. The same State has issued certificates to her citizens, without regard to their loyalty, to a further unknown amount for similar losses. The States of Maryland and Virginia, in consideration of the fixing of the Capital in the District of Columbia, gave the Government $72,000 and $120,000 respectively to aid in putting up the public buildings in Washington. Now those States want this money—which they now style "advances"—given back to them with interest for more than thirty years. In other words, on the sum of $192,000, paid as a consideration for a certain object, they now base a "claim" of $535,800 upon the National Treasury. Again, the United States many years ago appropriated $7,750,000 to pay the creditors of the Republic of Texas. About $101,000 of that money still remains in the Treasury, never having been called for by creditors. The State of Texas now demands that that money be paid over to her.

CLAIMS SMUGGLED THROUGH.

Claims like those above described do not fall within the prohibition against payments to disloyal persons. As related, Georgia has only lately collected a small claim. This was done by putting the item in the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. The President could not prevent this appropriation without vetoing one of the most important of the appropriation bills. Next year people will see more of these claims smuggled through in the same manner, in spite of the President. Enough of the claims of Northern States will be added in to catch the votes of Northern Democrats. There will be nothing to hinder the payment of even the Missouri claims, reeking with disloyalty as they are, in the same manner. That done, all the rest is easy if the Confederates can retain control of Congress. Georgia, South Carolina and all the rest may assume such claims of their citizens for war losses as they please, and then push them through Congress. At the head of the House Committee on Claims is Mr. Bright, of Tennessee, while the chairman of the Senate Committee is Mr. Cockrell, of Missouri, an ex-Confederate Major-General. Of the 11 members of the House Committee, 5 are Southern Democrats, 2 are obedient Northern Democrats, and only 4 are Republicans. Of the 9 members of the Senate Committee, 5 are Southern Democrats and 4 are Republicans.

Another of the favorite measures of the Confederates in Congress is that to pension the survivors of the Mexican, Florida, Seminole, Creek and Cherokee wars, and the widows of those who are dead. A dozen or more bills for this purpose have been introduced into the House by Southern members, for this is essentially a Southern measure, intended to get the names of ex-rebels inscribed on the pension rolls. These bills have, of course, been referred to the Committee on Pensions in each house, and, as these committees are constituted, there is no doubt of a favorable report. According to an official estimate it will require $5,392,864 to pay the pensions of the survivors of the wars named, the first year, saving nothing of pensions to widows. If the measure is carried it will cost probably not less than $60,000,000.

The Confederates as yet can see no way to get rid of the amendments to the Constitution adopted after the Rebellion. Those amendments are doubly obnoxious because they are not only "war measures," but they maintain the integrity of the public debt and forbid the payment of money for slaves emancipated. The Confederates doubtless feel that they have done all they can do directly at present to nullify those amendments at the South. They therefore seek to evade the prohibition to pay for the loss of slave property. Hence we find bills by the hundred to appropriate money for the improvement of Southern rivers and harbors. There is no restraint upon these demands. There is nothing small or shame-faced about a Southern statesman when he brings in one of these bills. He pleads the depths of poverty, but begs with the commanding air of a Comanche chief; and he is quite as willing to accept anything granted, whether it be a gift of tents to shelter the militia of his State or $60,000,000 for an inchoate ship canal company.

Among the smaller relief bills introduced one is struck by the number for the relief of sureties on bonds where persons have been held for trial for violation of the Internal Revenue laws and have forfeited their bail. Occurrences of this kind appear to be quite frequent, and about as often a Southern Representative or Senator steps forward with a bill to indemnify the sureties. The Government is asked to make good the bail forfeited by escaped offenders against its laws. A study of the following schedule of bills offered in Congress since March 15 and 26, 1878, will be of some interest and will show in detail the items which go to make up the startling total set down elsewhere.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

HOUSE BILLS FROM MARCH 18, 1878 TO MARCH 3, 1879.

No.	By whom introduced.	Title.	Amount asked for.
4127	Vance	Weather Bureau Stations, N. C.	$15,000
4181	Bisbee	Light House, Mosquito Inlet, Fla.	60,000
4233	Davidson	Improvement of the Apalachicola River Fla.	30,000
4236	Garland, Sen. Amendment	Improvement of the L'Anguille River, Ark.	10,000
4236	Eustis, Senate Amendment	Improvement New Orleans Harbor, La.	476,000
4236	Eustis, Senate Amendment	Improvement Red River, La.	478,500
4236	Conover, Senate Amendment	Survey Florida Rivers	35,000
4236	Merrimon, Senate Amendment	Improvement French Broad River, N. C.	25,000
4236	Whyte, Senate Amendment	Survey Md. and Del. Ship Canal	5,000
4236	Kellogg, Senate Amendment	Falls Red River, La.	10,000
4317	Gibson	Improvement and protection N. O. Harbor	476,000
4318	Robert on	Miss. River Improv't Com.	250,000
4318	Robertson Amendment	Mississippi Levees	3,871,574
4451	Dibrell	Weather Bureau Station, Chattanooga	5,000
4463	Cravens	Weather Bureau, Little Rock	5,000
4479	Giddings	Light House, Fort Point, Texas	15,000
4541	Waddell	Public building, Fayetteville, N. C.	10,000
4745	Schleicher	Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande Railroad	870,000
4769	Yeates	Marine Hospital, Washington, N. C.	.....
4811	Schleicher	Rio Grande Border Railroad Co., $12,000 per mile	.....
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Atlanta, Ga.	100,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Little Rock, Ark.	150,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Memphis, Tenn.	400,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Nashville, Tenn.	250,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Austin, Texas	200,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, St. Louis, Mo.	1,600,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Baltimore, Md.	2,000,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Jefferson City, Mo.	200,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Jackson, Miss.	200,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Montgomery, Ala.	200,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Augusta, Ga.	100,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Brownsville, Texas	100,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Galveston, Texas	100,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Houston, Texas	100,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Jacksonville, Fla.	150,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Key West, Fla.	100,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Lynchburg, Va.	150,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Savannah, Ga.	200,000
4812	Schleicher	Public building, Wilmington, N. C.	150,000
4900	Shelley	James River and Kanawha Canal Co.	210,000,000
4900	Shelley	Atlantic and Great Western Canal Co.	175,000,000
4900	Shelley	Florida Coast Canal Co.	42,000,000
4900	Shelley	Fort Saint Philip Canal Co.	25,000,000
4900	Shelley	Fort Saint Philip Railroad Company	.....
4900	Shelley	Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad Co.	17,500,000
4901	Ellis	Texas Pacific Railroads, $10,000 a mile	.....
4966	Henkle	Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal Co.	4,000,000
5075	Goode	Fresh Water Basin, Norfolk, Va.	500,000
5092	Bland	Improvement Mississippi River from St. Louis to Gulf of Mexico	50,000,000
5149	Cox, S. S.	Deepening and widening S. W. P. Mississippi River	7,000,000
5258	Gibson	Improvement of Mississippi R.	3,500,000
5259	Gibson	Mississippi levees	3,000,000
5282	Buckner	Improvement Grand River, Mo.	15,000
5283	Buckner	Improvement Harbor St. Charles, Mo.	50,000
5416	Dibrell	Improvement Tennessee R.	500,000
5575	Forney	Improvement Tenn. River in Alabama and Tenn.	300,000
5577	Gibson	Improvement Miss. River levees	3,500,000
5577	Gibson	Improvement Arkansas and Red Rivers	250,000
5634	Martin	Improvement Monongahela River, W. Va.	115,000
5690	Davidson	Light House at Anclote Key, Fla.	15,000
5930	Smith, W. E.	Improvement Flint River, Ga.	50,000
6106	Young	Marine Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.	40,000
6202	Davidson	Dredging Cumberland and Georgia and Florida	15,000
6205	Davidson	Improvement Charlotte Harbor and Peace Creek, Fla.	40,000
6293	Vance	Improvement French Broad River, N. C.	15,000
6297	Ackles	Marine Hospital, Morgan City, La.	45,000
6298	Ackles	Light House, Trinity Shoals, La.	50,000
6319	Reagan	San Antonio and Mexican Border Railroad, $15,000 a mile	.....
6320	Reagan	Naval Wharf, Key West, Fla.	20,000
6331	Robbins	Improvement Yadkin R., N. C.	20,000
6400	Davidson	Building Marine Hospital, Snake Key, Fla.	50,000
		Total less blanks	$55,447,900

SENATE BILLS FROM MARCH 18, 1878, TO MARCH 3, 1879.

No.	By whom introduced.	Title.	Amount asked for.
1210	Maxey	Mail subsidy, Galveston to Vera Cruz	$50,000
1436	Eustis	Mississippi Levees	5,000,000
1498	Coke	Galveston and Camargo Railway Co.	2,162,000
1532	Davis, H. G.	Improvement Monongahela River	100,000
1542	Morgan	Public building, Montgomery, Ala.	150,000
1547	Davis, H. G.	Improvement Little Kanawha River	75,000
1618	Butler	Jetties in Charleston Harbor	500,000
1662	Maxey	Military post El Paso	40,000
1677	Hereford	Improvement Big Sandy River, West Va.	40,000
1678	Hereford	Improvement New Elk River, West Va.	30,000
1679	Hereford	Improvement Elk River, West Va.	10,000
1680	Hereford	Improvement Gauley River, West Va.	2,000
1681	Hereford	Great Kanawha River, West Va.	250,000
		Total, less blanks	$8,414,000

HOUSE BILLS, FROM MARCH 18, 1879, TO JULY 1, 1879.

No.	By whom introduced.	Title.	Amount asked for.
300	Henkle	Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal Co.	$4,000,000
323	Tucker	Public building, Lynchburg, Va.	75,000
325	Cabell	Public building, Danville, Va.	65,000
328	Goode	Fresh water basin, Norfolk, Va.	500,000
340	Goode	Dismal Swamp Canal	400,000
344	Scales	Public building, Greensborough, N. C.	50,000
363	Steele	Public building, Charlotte, N. C.	100,000
392	Felton	Improvement Coosa River, in Georgia	200,000
413	Stephens	Public building, Augusta, Georgia	100,000
414	Forney	Improvement Coosa River, via Alabama	200,000
415	Forney	Improvement Tennessee River	500,000
424	Herbert	Improvement Conecuh and Escambia Rivers	50,000
427	Herbert	Public building, Montgomery, Ala.	150,000
437	Hooker	Public building, Jackson, Miss.	150,000
438	Hooker	Improvement Tallagoosa River, Mississippi	50,000
439	Hooker	Improvement Pearl River, Mississippi	100,000
451	Manning	Public building, Oxford, Mississippi	50,000
458	Chalmers and others	Mississippi River Improvement Commission	250,000
459	Chalmers	Purchase etc., Grant Pemberton Monument	1,000
468	Chalmers	Aid Southern Pacific Railroads	.....
485	Ellis	Improvement Red River, La.	75,000
506	Ellis	Southern Pacific Railroads	15,950,000
568	King	Improvement Mississippi River and bars between Memphis and New Orleans	200,000
598	Phister	Improvement Big Sandy River, Kentucky	100,000
599	Phister	Public building, Maysville, Kentucky	60,000
607	Turner, O.	Public building, Paducah, Kentucky	100,000
626	Turner, T.	Improvement Kentucky, Licking and Big Sandy Rivers	1,268,500
665	McMillin	Improvement Cumberland River, Tennessee	300,000
701	Dibrell	Improvement Tennessee River (2)	500,000
702	Dibrell	Improvement Hiawassee River, Tennessee	15,000
719	Young, H. C.	Marine Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee	40,000
1017	Davidson	Public building, Key West, Florida	125,000
1020	Davidson	Lighthouse, Pants Passa	15,000
1022	Davidson	Lighthouse, Anclote Key, Fla.	15,000
1023	Davidson	Naval wharf, Key West, Fla.	30,000
1024	Davidson	Public building, Tallahassee, Fla.	75,000
1026	Davidson	Marine Hospital, Cedar Key, Fla.	60,000
1035	Reagan	San Antonio and Mexican Railroad Co., Texas	6,240,000
1041	Culberson	Public building, Jefferson, Texas	25,000
1044	Culberson	Improvement Cypress Bayou, Texas	30,000
1046	Wellborn	Public buildings, Dallas and Graham, Texas	250,000
1050	Mills	Post office, Houston, Texas	300,000
1052	Mills	Improvement ship channel, Galveston Bay	250,000
1244	Kenna	Public building, Charleston, W. Va.	100,000
1261	Wilson, Benj.	Improvement Little Kanawha River, W. Va.	45,000
1337	Singleton	Improvement Chickasawhay River, Miss.	10,000
1489	Goode	Quarantine hospital, Hampton Roads, Va.	25,000
1525	Samford	Improvement Choctawhatchee and Pea Rivers, Ala.	100,000
1535	Muldrow	Improvement Tombigbee River, Miss.	100,000
1537	Ellis	Great Southern Railway Co.	60,000,000
1538	Robertson	New Orleans and Central American steamship	250,000
1618	McMillan	Improvement Caney Fork River, Tenn.	20,000
1620	McMillan	Improvement Obedo River, Tenn.	20,000
1621	Houk	Improvement various rivers in Tenn. Sec.	60,000
1629	De La Matyr	Improvement Mississippi River below Cairo	50,000,000
1631	De La Matyr	James River and Kanawha Canal Co.	60,000,000
1631	De La Matyr	Florida Coast Canal Co.	12,000,000
1631	De La Matyr	Fort St. Philip Canal Co.	10,000,000
1631	De La Matyr	Atlantic and Great Western Canal Co.	50,000,000
1631	De La Matyr	Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad Co.	5,000,000
1686	Clark, J. B.	Public building, Jefferson City, Mo.	100,000
1707	Waddell	Southern Pacific Railroads, $15,000 a mile	.....
1719	Reagan	Public building, Tyler, Texas	100,000
1794	Martin, B. F.	Improvement Monongahela River, W. Va.	115,000
1802	Robertson	Rep. Sonnet Carre revasse	150,000
1803	Overton	Improvement Mississippi River (Cawden's plan)	500,000
1906	Beale	Lighthouse, York River, Va.	20,000
1907	Beale	Lighthouse, Rugged Point Bar, Va.	20,000
1912	Cook	Improvement Flint River, Ga.	20,000
1914	Manning	Improvement Lake Concordia, La.	100,000
1917	Robertson	Improvement Tangipahoa River, La.	10,500
1918	Robertson	Lighthouse, Amite River, La.	5,000
192	Acklin	Ad Charenton Canal, La.	15,000
1921	Acklin	Introduction sugar bearing palms into Louisiana	5,000
2067	Nicholls	Custom House, Brunswick, Ga.	100,000
2186	Upson	Military posts, Texas (roads)	200,000
2187	Upson	Public building, San Antonio, Texas	150,000
		Total, less blanks	$282,355,000

SENATE BILLS FROM MARCH 18, 1879, TO JULY 1, 1879.

No.	By whom introduced.	Title.	Amount asked for.
51	Maxey	Aid construction of Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande Railroad	$870,000
63	Lamar	Mississippi River improvement Commission	.....
134	Kellogg	Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad	7,500,000
136	Kellogg	Mail subsidy New Orleans and Mexico	1,500,000
232	Jones (Fla.)	Public building, Jacksonville, Fla.	75,000
248	Groome	Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal	4,000,000
249	Butler	Public building, Greenville, S. C.	50,000
422	Maxey	Public building, Galveston, Texas	500,000
430	Jones	Aid Southern Railroads, Louisiana and Texas	15,950,000
437	Kellogg	Mail subsidy, New Orleans and Brazil	1,500,000
544	Johnston	Texas Pacific Railroad subsidy	23,925,000
623	Cockrell	Texas Pacific Railroad subsidy, $5,000 per mile	.....
651	Call	Light house, Anclote Key, Fla.	15,000
652	Call	Opening Pinhalloway River	.....
653	Call	Beacon lights, St. John's River	11,000
654	Call	Improving various rivers and harbors, Florida	260,000
667	Call	Marine Hospital, Cedar Key, Fla.	10,000
688	Call	Life-saving Station, San Blas, Fla.	5,000
		Total, less blanks	$19,000,000

PRIVATE CLAIMS.

HOUSE BILLS FROM MARCH 26, 1878, TO MARCH 3, 1879.

No.	By whom introduced.	Title.	Amount asked for.
4121	Robertson	Elizabeth Burriss	.....
4123	Knott	Asa Perry & Co.	.....
4126	Cox	Joseph Shannon	$17,000
4126	Caldwell, J. W.	Estate of David Jamieson, Memphis	.....
4137	Caldwell, J. W.	Relief E. P. Medical, Tenn.	12,781
4138	Shelley	Relief sundry citizens of Memphis	.....
4139	Shelley	Relief W. R. Boone of Kentucky	23,593
4140	Oliver, from Com. on War Claims	Relief Henry S. French, Nashville, cotton	.....
4141	Oliver, from Com. on War Claims	Relief A. H. Herr	21,067
4151	Gibson	Relief Mary L. Darrow	5,000
4177	Cannon	Relief Margaret Poland	21,000
4199	Carlisle	Relief L. E. Ogden	26,000
4227	Hooper	Relief W. A. & A. Cheatham, Tennessee	.....
4248	Herbert	Relief Jane Betts, of Alabama	41,010
4249	Herbert	Relief sundry citizens of Alabama	15,000
4250	Biddle	Relief W. J. Neely	.....
4254	Candler	Relief Michael Krebs, of Georgia	.....
4255	Candler	Relief John Picken, of Georgia	.....
4256	Candler	Relief John M. Nace, of Georgia	.....
4340	Chalmers	Relief W. J. Cowan, of Mississippi	.....
4401	Hartridge	Relief sundry citizens of Georgia	.....
4405	Acklen	Relief C. B. Bird	14,740
4412	Garth	Relief George Williams, of Alabama	.....
4416		Relief Captain John C. Todd, of Texas	.....
4429	Roberts	Relief J. T. Henneman	23,235
4435	Shoalls	Relief Adolph Marks	.....
4439	Jones, Jas. J.	Relief Medical College of Alabama	50,0000
4441	Chalmers	Eliza J. Mohan and others	.....
4444	Manning	Relief sundry persons (Mississippi, 3; Louisiana, 13; Georgia, 1; Tennessee, 2; Virginia, 1; West Virginia, 1; total 20)	.....
4529	Candler	Relief John N. Swift, of Georgia	12,325
4533	Candler	Relief Robert Webster, of Georgia	10,529
4537	Dickey	Relief W. G. Ford, Memphis	.....
4605	Felton	Relief Isaac P. Sewell, of Georgia	.....
4606	Felton	Relief Isaac P. Sewell, of Georgia	.....
4832	Gunter	Relief sundry citizens of Arkansas	.....
4833	Stevens	Relief E. F. Richardson, of Arkansas	20,995
4896	Scales	Relief of North Carolina (items for militia)	.....
4899	Jones, Jas. T.	Relief Financial Forces	.....
4900	Gibson	Relief James Rybeck	.....
4903	Manning	Relief James H. Anderson, Mississippi	12,000
4905	Young, H. C.	Relief M. J. Parkson	23,471
5078	Roberts	Relief Maryland advances 1790, etc.	.....
5088	Biddle	Relief Jefferson and Louisville Ferry Company	15,854
5123	Hartridge	Relief sundry southern railroads	.....
5212	Patterson, T. M.	Relief heirs Samuel B. Webb	.....
5225	Oliver, from Com. on War Claims	Relief Harmon Mickle, of Arkansas	.....
5531	Ketchana	Relief Maria V. Brown, assignee	.....
5662	Ellis	Relief heirs of Barry Hayes	.....
5707	Shelley	Relief Joseph R. Maddox and others	.....
5712	Shelley	Relief Lucinda McIntire	.....
5738	Bright	Relief Fanny P. Maritee, of Tennessee	26,249
5793		Relief Sophia B. Moore, Newborn, N. C.	.....
5809		Relief Mrs. Julia Elliott, Memphis	.....
6032	Harrison	Relief Miss Catharine Oldham, Memphis	12,000
6049	Gunter	Relief James Selden	17,000
6051	Gunter	Relief G. L. Machenheimer	10,200
6053	Gunter	Relief John H. Mythesney	14,400
6108	Martin	Relief estate of Joseph Barry	40,000
6109	Martin	Relief estate of Joseph Waldman	12,750
6130		Relief estate of Richard Higgins, of Arkansas	.....
6166	Cabell	Relief sundry citizens of Virginia	.....
6244	Blackburn	Relief Armistead Blackwell	48,566
6612	Com. of Claims. This bill passed House March 1, 1879. It does not include claims presented in preceding bills	Relief Sundry claimants as follows: Kentucky 159 claims, $34,080; Maryland 150 claims, $63,450; Missouri 3 claims, $16,911; Tennessee 253 claims, $114,336; Texas 1 claim, $1,00; Virginia 1 claim, $670; West Virginia 64 claims, $20,213. Besides these there were brought in 115 bills for the relief of various claimants, the amount in each case being less than $10,000. These bills call for	220,986
		Total, less blanks	$2,030,383

SENATE BILLS FROM MARCH 26, 1878, TO MARCH 3, 1879.

No.	By whom introduced.	Title.	Amount asked for.
1043	Bailey	W. & A. Cheatham	$41,000
1064	Coke	Henry Warren	14,734
1101	McDonald	Evansville and Memphis Railroad Co.	15,357
1111	Maxey	Relief Somervill and Davis, Texas	.....
1264	Bailey	S. & J. A. Richardson	12,000
1269	Garland	F. N. Comen	88,480
1270	Garland	F. N. Comen	12,000
1276	Eustis	Relief Eliza Queen	34,709
1344	Morgan	George Williams	.....
1349	Beck	Oliver H. Perry	.....
1380	Spencer	Moelle Martin Duck Co.	.....
1495	Withers	Sundry citizens of Lynchburg, Va.	26,101
1523	Gordon	Sundry persons	.....
1531	Wallace	Contractors' improvement Great Kanawha R.	.....
1538	Bruce	W. J. Cousin, cotton claim	.....
1619	Dennis	Relief John H. Sathoff, Maryland	.....
1628	Gordon	Relief Robert Erwin	.....
1810	Teller	Relief J. B. Shannon	50,000
1811	Hatrix	Relief Roman Catholic ch'h Chattanooga, Tenn.	18,729
		Besides these there were brought in 48 claims, each under $10,000, which amounted to	114,350
		Total less blanks	$684,959

HOUSE BILLS FROM MARCH 18, 1879, TO JULY 1, 1879.

No.	By whom introduced.	Title.	Amount asked for.
313	Hunton	Refund donations of Maryland and Virginia for public buildings in consideration of the seat of Government being fixed in the District of Columbia	$555,800
321	Hunton	Relief of owners of land sold for direct taxes	.....
324	Tucker	Relief of owners of cotton seized after War	.....
339	Goode	Pensions to soldiers of Mexican, Seminole, Florida, Creek and Cherokee wars. This would cost first year $5,392,864—say to continue ten years at maximum, and not including pensions to widows and minor children	53,928,640
349	Scales	Refund direct taxes paid in insurrectionary states	2,500,000
368	Davis, J. J.	Pay North Carolina rent for land near Raleigh, occupied by troops during war	18,000
377	Davis, J. J.	Pay North Carolina for cotton belonging to state, seized by Treasury Agent	42,532
385	Nicholls	Relief of Robert Erwin	.....
389	Speer	150 breechloading rifles and accoutrements for University of Georgia	.....
391	Speer and six others	Repeal tax on spirits distilled from grapes, peaches, apples, etc., $1,000,000 a year	.....
446	Singleton	Relief Southern mail contractors	375,000
475	Robertson	Relief private land claims in Southern States	.....
505	King	Relief Monroe, La. (rebuild Court House)	25,000
700	Dibrell	Relief McMinnville and Manchester Railroad Co.	.....
919	Clarke, J. B. Jr.	Relief Yazoo River, Mississippi River whose lands may be washed away—640 acres each	.....
1019	Davidson	Relief Presbyterian church, St. Augustine, Fla.	.....
1034	Reagan	Relief Edward Menard	29,000
1517	Blount	Relief Second Georgia Battalion—tents for	.....
1532	Manning	Sundry claimants	.....
1563	Thompson	Indemnify States for interest paid on money raised and used to arm and equip troops in late war. This bill would give Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia	1,250,000 10,000 5,000
1614	Young, H. C.	City of Memphis land and bonds	.....
1785	Martin, B. F.	Relief Randolph Co., W. Va.	10,000
1919	Robertson	Relief Louisiana State University	.....
2021	Nicholls	Relief Savannah, Ga.—Gift of Oglethorpe Barracks	.....
2066	Tillman	Relief owners land sold for direct taxes	.....
2269	Gibson	Relief Calvin Brosson	11,211
2280	Robertson	Relief Florida parishes of Louisiana. To transfer to State of Louisiana all public lands in eight parishes, amounting to about —— acres	.....
H. J. R. 22	Reagan	Pay State of Texas balance of fund appropriated ($7,750,000) by United States to pay creditors of the Republic of Texas	101,113
H. J. R. 23	Reagan	Texas claims, frontier defence	1,629,615
H. J. R. 25	Reagan	Relief Southern mail contractors	375,000
		Sixteen other bills were brought in for the relief of various Southern claimants. The whole amount was	48,411
		Total less blanks	$60,914,322

SENATE BILLS FROM MARCH 18, 1879, TO JULY 1, 1879.

No.	By whom introduced.	Title.	Amount asked for.
98	Beck	Several Southern Railroads	.....
178	Beck	John Thorne, Fayette Co., Ky.	$82,050
199	Butler	Catherine L. Gillis	14,582
233	Bailey	Thomas Jones estate (Memphis)	18,700
234	Maxey	Joseph Clymer, Texas	18,525
300	Cockrell	William Morrison, of Missouri	30,000
302	Cockrell	John Taylor, of Missouri	10,000
305	Cockrell	Thomas B. Wallace, of Missouri	18,500
306	Cockrell	Daniel Ballentine's estate	10,000
326	Gordon	Relief Wm. Battersby	.....
374	Harris	James A. Beard, Memphis	10,000
379	Whyte	Relief sundry persons	38,000
380	Lamar	Relief Henry E. Siver, Miss.	24,026
385	Maxey	Relief W. W. Mills, Texas	13,160
386	Harris	Relief J. A. Seaver	10,000
406	Williams	Relief Mary T. Duncan, Ky.	11,149
407	Hill, Ga.	Relief State of Georgia	35,555
408	Vance	Relief Southern mail contractors	.....
437	Harris	Relief Lucinda McGuire, Memphis	.....
541	Bailey	Relief Perez Dickinson	64,128
543	Hill, Ga.	Relief James J. Gustin	69,846
653	Jonas	Relief State National Bank Louisiana cotton	.....
687	Hereford	Relief C. Boiling, of Virginia	.....
724	Bruce	Relief John W. Freeman, Miss.	.....
		Besides these there were 28 bills offered for claims each less than $10,000, and amounting altogether to	65,466
		Approximate Total	$700,000

RECAPITULATION.

FROM DECEMBER 3, 1877, TO JULY 1, 1879.

For National Improvements	$73,861,000
For various "relief" bills	13,663,721
For cotton tax, etc.	300,000,000
Grand Total of Southern Claims	$1,287,524,715

THE EUROPEAN ALLIANCES.

SIGNS OF COMING STRIFE.

THE PRINCE OF WALES MAKES A HURRIED VISIT TO PARIS, AND STUDIOUSLY AVOIDS MEETING FRENCH POLITICIANS—BISMARCK STILL PRESSING ENGLAND TO SEIZE EGYPT—THE INTENDED MARRIAGE OF KING ALFHONSO AND THE AUSTRIAN ARCHDUCHESS DEEMED INIMICAL TO FRENCH INTERESTS—PRINCE NAPOLEON AND THE CLERICAL PARTY.

[FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The Prince of Wales, for the first time in his life, has run through Paris without halting to dine with gay French friends at a restaurant, and finish the evening at a theatre. Various reasons are assigned for the flying nature of his visit. The only good one is that of Lord Salisbury's new diplomatic departure. To avoid appearing circumvented or defeated by Prince Bismarck, who is now the master of a vast agglomeration of military force, and to some extent dominates the continent of Europe, the English Cabinet wishes to pass for his ally. The German Chancellor, who is much more afraid of English soldiers and sailors than of the personal influence of Queen Victoria at the Court of Berlin, is not sorry to draw Great Britain as well as Austria into his orbit, and to assist the former Power in arresting the growth of Russia. Not to be exposed to the hampering effects of the autograph letters from her Britannic Majesty to the Emperor of Germany, who holds in affectionate esteem, and, indeed, veneration, his good sister of England, it is agreed that if Great Britain folds her arms and holds her tongue in the event of France being attacked and beaten, she is to be helped by Germany to take Egypt and to keep it. This Republic will have too much to do in looking after her own defences to get in the way of Lord Beaconsfield at Cairo and Alexandria. Official England is far from desiring the overthrow or dismemberment of France, hateful to it as is the form of Government under which the French people choose to live; but with its hands full in Asia and in Africa, and an agricultural crisis and commercial depression at home, it is impotent to prevent a hostile collision, which is more imminent than is generally supposed. On the principle of the half loaf being better than no bread, Downing Street will console itself with Egypt for what it cannot help; and as the general elections approach, Lord Beaconsfield will go to the country with a new jewel, which he has obtained by means of the Austro-German alliance, to set in the crown of the Indian Empress. It may be that Lord Beaconsfield calculates that Prance and Russia allied may give Bismarck and his new ally harder nuts to crack than their teeth are equal to. If they do, the Powers which seem ready to assume an antagonistic attitude may mutually balance one another.

The negotiations between the Cabinets of Berlin, Vienna and St. James have been no secret to the Prince of Wales, who was constantly told, in order to alienate him from the French, that Premier Waddington was vexing Lord Salisbury to an insufferable extent, and tripping him up whenever he had a chance. The proposal to hand Egypt over to a Syndicate of the European Powers, which the Downing Street organs now think so monstrous, is four years old, and I heard Gambetta speak of it long ago to an English diplomat as the best mode of dealing with the Egyptian question. Compliance was expressed, but in a tone of voice which betrayed disapproval. To have found out this Autumn that such a project was hatched was to discover that "Queen Anne is dead." At the same time the Cabul insurrection gave a dangerous importance, in Lord Salisbury's eyes, to the plan I have mentioned for dealing with Egyptian affairs, which it did not earlier present. Bismarck has discovered that if Russia were a member of the syndicate—and she could not be excluded from it—she would insist upon the Suez Canal being neutralized—that is, open only to merchant vessels conveying merchandise, or to ships of war not bound on a hostile mission. Hence it would follow that transport vessels laden with English troops on their way to India would be stopped, inasmuch as France draws closer and closer toward Russia, and would not oppose her proposals in the Egyptian Syndicate. At Berlin it was adroitly given out, and it was believed at Downing Street, that General Chanzy was sent as Ambassador to St. Petersburg to enter into communication with the Grand Duke Michael and General Todleben; and when he had proved to them that France and Russia would be more than a match for Germany, to solicit an alliance between President Grévy and the Czar. A report of this nature could not but exasperate the Royal Family of England against the Republic; and it may in a degree account for the immoderate show of official grief at the funeral of the late Prince Imperial.

It would be very awkward for the Prince of Wales, who has publicly asserted his love for France, to meet French friends sufficiently patriotic not to feel nettled at a cordial understanding between Austria, Germany and Great Britain. His Royal Highness pushes the virtues of sincerity and truthfulness to the extreme point, where they become a defect. He blurts out everything that is in his mind. There is no worse dissembler in the world, unless when the social courtesies are being practised; then he will put up with all kinds of persons and things, painfully disagreeable to him, with a smiling face and good-humored manner. Lords Beaconsfield and Salisbury know he is a bad dissembler; and it seems certain that one of them entreated him to keep out of the way of political Frenchmen, whose business it would be to learn of him to what extent England has been drawn by the fatalities of her Asiatic situation and the "spirited policy" of her Cabinet into the orbit of Germany.

Calls were made at the Hôtel Bristol by M. Waddington, but by none of the other Ministers who were in town when the Prince passed through. His Royal High