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FORCING A SHOW OF HANDS ON THE TARIFF QUESTION.

An Effort to Force Special Legislation in the House.—A Clash of Arms in the Committee of Ways and Means—The West Arrayed Against the East.

ARRIVED Yesterday, Jan. 17.—Senator SAWYER (Rep., Wisconsin), from committee on Enrolled and Library, reported back the joint resolution (H. R. No. 1) to provide for the appointment of a Labor Commission. The resolution was passed by the House of Representatives, by a vote of 141 to 37, some time ago, and makes an appropriation of $14,000 for salaries of the Commission, and for incidental expenses and postage.

Mr. SAWYER (Rep., Ky.) introduced a bill to pay the Kentucky and other State militias for services rendered to the Government of the United States.

Mr. SAWYER stated that the State of Kentucky claimed that her citizens enlisted for six months, but were mustered out of the service in two months; that officers commanding forces in Kentucky were not mustered into service.

The committee, (Ky.) introduced a bill to admit sugar and coffee free of duty.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE FISHERIES.

Mr. WILSON (Rep., Mass.) introduced a bill for the encouragement of the fisheries.

Section one permits the furnishing of all necessary supplies, including salt, nets, lines, boats, vessels, fishing implements, and provisions, free of duty. Section two allows a bounty of two cents per ton of the tonnage of the United States fishing vessels, in lieu of the bounty now allowed by law. Section three allows a bounty of two cents per ton on all vessels built in the United States, but this includes vessels and yachts as fishing vessels, subject to the provisions of the act.

The regular order, the Amnesty bill, was then taken up, the pending amendment being the Supplementary Civil Rights bill, upon which Mr. Sumner had moved the Senate.

Mr. CAMERON (Rep., Wis.) gave notice that on Thursday he would call up the resolution for adjourning on the civil service reform, and asking the Senate upon it.

At 4:30, without acting on the bill, the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

A bill was passed providing that the time from which pensions heretofore granted, or that may hereafter be granted, shall commence, shall be the date of the discharge or of the death of the soldier, and extending the time for application for pensions to July 1, 1874.

Another bill was passed—103 to 57—establishing the principle of granting a pension to the widow of a soldier after she has contracted a second marriage and entered a second widowhood.

Mr. ALBERT G. CAREY (Rep., Iowa), reported the Legislative, Executive and Judiciary Appropriation bill, appropriating about seventeen millions, which was made the special order for three months.

Mr. KELLEY (Pa.) asked leave to offer a resolution recalling the nomination of Mr. Stewart had addressed a note to the President of the United States, recommending a set of rules providing for an examination of applicants for office, and declaring that it was not expedient that such recommendations be adopted, and that it did not meet the approval of the House or of the people. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

SPECIAL RELIEF LEGISLATION.

Mr. MAYNARD (Rep., Tenn.) reported a bill permitting the Calcasieu Sulphur and Mining Company of New Orleans to import free of duty certain machinery and the necessary implements to be used only in making a series of experiments to ascertain the feasibility of working the mines of the company, of the importation not to exceed $25,000; and also permitting the free importation of machinery by any person employed in the manufacture of plate glass in the United States.

Mr. MAYNARD explained briefly the object of the bill, which was to enable the parties in question to use Calcasieu parish, Louisiana, to be rescued, terminus a heavy boring of sand and gravel, and to allow a company in Indiana to establish a plate-glass manufactory, being the only one of the kind in the United States. He said the bill had been unanimously reported by the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. BECKNER (Dem., Ky.) introduced a bill to pay the militia of Kentucky and other States for services rendered to the United States in the defence of the United States.

The bill provides that the State of Kentucky shall be paid for the services required for all troops for one month, and for such part of the troops as were mustered into service for two months, and for such officers commanding forces in Kentucky as were not mustered into service.

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