WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

THE SENATE ADDING TO THE COST OF THE INDIAN BUREAU.

The Amendatory Tariff Bill Rushed Through the House Under a Suspension of the Rules—Taxing the Sales of Stocks, Bonds, and Gold—The Centennial Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The Senate to-day passed the bill to authorize and provide for the construction of a substantial iron and masonry bridge across the eastern branch of the Potomac river, and appropriating $100,000 for that purpose.

Mr. Windom (Rep., Minn.), from the Committee on Transportation, reported back a bill to provide for a Bureau of Interstate Commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Placed on the calendar.

The bill provides that there shall be established in the Treasury Department a bureau of commerce in which shall be merged the existing bureau of statistics, which bureau shall be under the control of a commissioner appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Its duties will include collecting, collating, publishing and disseminating information relating to foreign and domestic commerce, the cost, quality, quantity, disbursement, and channels of railroad and accounts of railroad returns as to tonnage, receipts, passenger earnings, and licensing of vessels. The bill also requires all persons and corporations engaged in interstate transportation, freight and passenger, to make annual returns to the chief of the bureau in regard to the business done, the nature of the property transported, and generally to furnish full details of the condition and operations of their respective lines.

Mr. Wadleigh (Rep., N. H.), from the Committee on Patents, reported favorably on the bill to amend the laws relating to patents, trade marks, and copyrights. Passed.

The bill provides that no person shall maintain an action for infringement of a copyright unless every book or article copyrighted shall bear an inscription of the copyright, together with the year of copyright, and if the party who took out the copyright by mistake provides that no engravings, cuts, or prints, shall be copyrighted unless they are practical illustrations, or works connected with the fine arts, but that prints of pieces adapted to be used for trade or other articles of manufacture may be registered in the Patent Office on payment of a special fee, which shall vest the exclusive right to the same for three years. The Librarian shall keep a record of such registrations, and shall record any assignment of a copyright, or for any copy of an entire work, $1.

Mr. Hoar, of Mass., moved to table the bill, but the motion was lost, by yeas 19, nays 29.

Mr. Ogle (Rep., Pa.), from the Committee on Pensions, reported favorably on the bill granting a pension of $50 per month to Louisa A. Canby, the widow of the late Gen. E. R. S. Canby. Passed.

Mr. Morrill (Rep., Vt.) called up the bill for the completion and location of the Naval Monument, appropriating $25,000 therefor, and providing that it shall be placed in the public grounds of Washington, D. C. Passed.

The Chair appointed as a Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Appropriation bill, Messrs. Morrill of Maine, Sargent, and Davis.

The morning hour having expired, the Senate took up the bill making appropriations for the support of

THE MILITARY ACADEMY,

and the following amendments of the committee were agreed to:

Authorizing the Secretary of War to assign one of the Aide-de-Camps of the army to be Professor of Ordnance at West Point.

Increasing the appropriation for a new hospital for cadets from $15,000 to $20,000.

The bill was then passed.

Mr. Wilson called up the Indian Appropriation bill, and gave its history. The bill was disposed of he would call up the resolutions reported from the Select Committee on Retrenchment providing for new surveys for the projected lines of Interior water communication. He explained the items of

THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL

and said as it came from the Committee on Appropriations it called for the sum of $4,576,545, which was an increase over the bill as it passed the House of $591,983, the increase being made up of the following items: For the Apaches, $270,000; the Arapahoes and Cheyennes, $30,000; the Crows, $40,000; the Northern Indian expenses in California, $40,000, and the Sioux Commission expenses in Arizona. The bill as now reported appropriated $500,000 less than the revised estimates of the department. In 1873 the total amount of Indian appropriations including deficiencies was $4,031,000, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, $6,315,152.

The amendment of the committee increasing the appropriation for the Indians in Arizona from $15,000 to $35,000 was agreed to after some debate, yeas 24 to 19.

The next amendment to increase the appropriation for the Apaches in New Mexico from $100,000 to $250,000 was read.

Pending discussion at 5.35, the Senate went into Executive session.

At 6 P. M. the doors were reopened, and the consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill was resumed.

AMENDMENTS AGREED TO.

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Increasing the amount for the Arapahoes and Cheyennes in Kiowa, Comanche, and Wichita Indian territory from $20,000 to $40,000, and striking out the proviso that no part of the money shall be used for subsistence or annuities to white persons or persons not Indians by blood or adoption, or Indians not belonging to the tribes for which the appropriation is made, or to any band or tribe of Indians not in amity with the United States, or to any band or tribe of Indians engaged in hostilities, except such troops as may be necessary to protect the property mentioned in the proviso for the protection of said Indians, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to use so much of said appropriation as may be necessary for the subsistence of said Indians, and the proviso that the Secretary of the Interior shall report to Congress the names of persons and the amounts so paid to them.

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