

WASHINGTON

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INCREASE OF PAY OF ARMY OFFICERS.

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THE NOMINATION OF MR. WALKER, SURVEYOR OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

The President has taken no decided stand in reference to the confirmation of Abram Walker as Surveyor of the Port of New York, that the renunciation presented to the Committee of Commerce against his confirmation was this morning withdrawn. But this does not end the contest. Some of the Senators declare that they have a duty to perform, and there are indications that they will be two reports from the committee—a majority in favor of Walker and a minority against him.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

The Amending Tax bill passed the House to-day, and now goes to the Senate. It will take the Finance Committee of the Senate nearly all next week to examine and amend it; so that it will not be finally adopted until near the close of the session. The tax on sales was defeated on the final vote, the time for its consideration being too short to develop the arguments in its favor sufficiently to carry it over the opposition of the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Stevens' proposition for taxing gold transactions twenty per cent was of course rejected. The House agreed to the tax of ten per cent on State bank circulation. It is to be imposed after January 1, 1865. The amendment was passed by the casting vote of the Speaker. It is estimated that the bill, as it passed the House, will add from forty to fifty millions to the revenue.

IMPORTANT REGARDING NAVAL ENLISTMENTS IN NEW YORK.

The following letter from Secretary Welles is of interest in connection with the city ordinance of New York in reference to enlistments. It probably was not intended by that ordinance to interfere with or control the enlistments into the naval service made in the regular course at the recruiting rendezvous. The department has decided that such enlistments made in New York are not necessarily to be credited to its quota unless the enlisted men are:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 1865.

The chief of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting has referred to the department the letter addressed by you to the municipal government of New York, in relation to the ordinance of that city, which was enclosed, passed by the Common Council of the city of New York to facilitate the raising of the quota of the navy in that city for three hundred thousand men. You will continue to discharge your duties to the government and obey your orders, independently of any interference, or attempted interference, on the part of the municipal government or authorities. If disturbed or opposed report the facts forthwith to the department. The federal government cannot be controlled in the matter of enlistments for the navy by local corporations.

RESTORATION OF LOUISIANA TO THE UNION.

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate have reported a resolution in favor of recognizing the State of Louisiana, under its recently organized State government, as fully restored to the Union, with all its rights, privileges and immunities.

RESTORATION OF TENNESSEE TO THE UNION.

The Select Committee on the Rebellious States, in their report, provide for the recognition by the President of the State government of Tennessee, if such a government shall be established by the loyal citizens, in conformity with the constitution, prior to the first of May next. The report also provides that the constitution of Tennessee shall prescribe, first, that no person shall vote who has held a rebel military office higher than colonel, or a civil office, unless it be ministerial. Second, that slavery shall be forever prohibited; and third, that no State or Confederate debt, created under the action of a seceding power, shall be recognized or paid by the State, and no rebel law of confiscation shall be binding.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE.

The Senate passed the Army Appropriation bill to-day, with a single amendment appropriating money. This was seven millions additional deficiency for ordnance and ordnance stores. The sum total of appropriations as it passed the Senate is \$18,479,527. The House provision against further payments to land grant railroads was killed. The commutation price of officers' ratings was increased to fifty cents. This applies to all officers below the rank of brigadier general, and increases the pay of colonels thirty-six dollars per month, that of lieutenant colonels thirty, and of majors and other officers of lower grade twenty-four dollars. Mr. Seward will repeat his attempt to-day to arraign the Secretary of War upon the charges of ex-Senator Brown at the earliest opportunity, and pledges himself to sustain them by competent evidence if the opportunity shall be afforded him.

TRADE AND TRAVEL BETWEEN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON.

The prospect for any action looking to increased or improved travelling and transportation facilities between this city and New York at this session of Congress is very slight. The monopolists have managed thus far to stave off everything looking to that end, and no short time now remains that there is little hope of any relief from the present Congress. This afternoon Mr. Farnsworth introduced in the House another project for a railroad between the two cities, which was, as usual, postponed for ten days.

COLONEL FISH PARDONED.

President Lincoln has pardoned Colonel Fish, late Provost Marshal of Baltimore.

ROBERT A. FRYER RELEASED ON PAROLE.

The rebel ex-General Fryer has been paroled, with the privilege of obtaining a special exchange.

THE FATE OF TWENTY-FOUR NEW YORK SOLDIERS.

Twenty-four men of the Ninety-third New York regiment, who were taken prisoners in August last, and confined at Salisbury, N. C., twenty have died of starvation, three enlisted in the rebel service to escape a similar fate, and the remaining one escaped, and, passing through East Tennessee, arrived here yesterday.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT ON THE LONG BRIDGE.

About sunset this afternoon, as a wood train was passing over the Long Bridge, from Alexandria, near the southern end of the bridge, the strings gave way, and the locomotive and several cars went through into the water. Several persons went down with the cars, but they were extricated without serious injury. The bridge is badly broken up, and passage over it is completely stopped. A passenger train passed over just ahead, and narrowly escaped what would undoubtedly have proved a disastrous catastrophe.

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION.

The President has recognized Henry William Heman as British consul at Buffalo.

GOVERNORS ANDREW TROUD FOR A PLACE IN THE CABINET.

The Massachusetts delegation, bearing a petition asking the appointment of Governor Andrew to a place in the cabinet upon a reorganization, were introduced to the President to-day by Senator Wilson.

DEPARTERS FROM LEE'S ARMY.

During four days after the present week, over two hundred rebel deserters came within the lines of the army of the Potomac and the James. This morning forty-six arrived, all of whom deserted from rebel picket posts.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION. SENATE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, 1865.

REPORTED FOR SOLDIERS. Mr. MORGAN, (rep. of N. Y.), introduced a bill to amend "An act to authorize the employment of volunteers to aid in enforcing the laws and protecting public property," approved July 22, 1861.

REFUGES AND THE CONTINUED TRADE.

Mr. SPRAGUE, (rep. of R. I.), introduced a bill to check contraband trade, and to provide a fund for the relief of indigent loyal refugees from the State of Texas.

ORDER REGARDING NAVAL ENLISTMENTS IN NEW YORK.

Mr. SHERMAN, (rep. of Ohio), offered a joint resolution providing for the appointment by the Secretary of the Treasury of a commission of three persons to examine into and report upon the subject of raising revenue by taxation, and the articles most fit for taxation.

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AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE BILL.

The House then concurred, by a vote of 52 against 39, in striking out the proposed increase of fifty cents a barrel on ale, beer, lager beer, porter and other similar fermented liquors. The tax on these articles, therefore, remained as it was.

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THE NEW REBEL FLAG.

The new rebel flag is officially described as follows:—The width two-thirds of its length, with the Union (now used as the battle flag), and so proportioned as to leave the width of the field on the side of the Union twice the length of the field on the side of the Union twice the length below it; to have the ground red, and a broad, blue sash, bordered with white and emblazoned with mullets, or five pointed stars, corresponding in number to that of the Confederate States; the field to be white, except the outer half from the Union, which shall be a red bar extending the width of the flag.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The fourth of a course of lectures on the History, Order, Doctrines and Worship of the body of Christians known as the Catholic Apostolic Church, will be delivered by the Rev. John S. Davenport, in the Hall of Dodworth's Studio Building, corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-sixth street, this evening, at half-past seven o'clock. Subject—Worship.

The Rev. Geo. F. Seymour will repeat the sermon, recently preached in New York, on "The History of the English Translation of the Bible," in St. John's church, Brooklyn, corner of Washington and Johnson streets, this evening, services commencing at half-past seven o'clock.

The Rev. Isaac Westcott, D. D., will preach in the Bloomingdale Baptist church, Forty-second street, near Seventh avenue, at half-past ten this morning, and at half-past seven this evening.

At St. Ann's free church, Eighteenth street, near Fifth avenue, the Rev. E. Benjamin will preach at a quarter to eight and half-past ten this morning, and at three in the afternoon (the latter service for deaf mutes); and the Rev. E. R. Atwill at half-past seven in the evening.

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FOR CITY AFFAIRS.

THE SENATORIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Examination of Comptroller Brennan.

Q He held an office under you? A Not exactly; he was employed by the Tax Commissioners at a salary of \$2,500 a year.

Q The Tax Commissioners who appointed him are appointed by you? A Yes.

Q He is a member of Assembly and receiving pay from it? A I do not know whether he is an Albany or not; I have not been to Albany this season.

Q Here Mr. McKean went on to enumerate a number of