

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

Senator Frye Concludes His Speech on the Measure.

BOUNTY FOR FOREIGNERS.

Statement That It Will Reach \$3,000,000 a Year Denied.

THE ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL.

Democratic Objection to Large Standing Army—Mr. McCall (Republican) Attacks Present Philippine Policy—Grant Bill To-Day.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—Senator Frye, at today's session of the Senate, concluded his speech upon the ship-subsidy bill. He devoted his attention principally to a technical explanation of the various provisions of the measure, explaining with especial care that provision which would admit to American registry foreign-built ships, upon which much of the forthcoming debate will rest.

Mr. Berry, of Arkansas, presented the credentials of Samuel D. McEnery, elected a senator from Louisiana for a term of six years from March 4, 1901. Mr. McEnery then himself presented the credentials of Murphy J. Foster, elected a senator from Louisiana for six years, beginning March 4, 1901. Both sets of credentials were filed.

THE FRAUDS IN CUBA.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Pettigrew, calling for information regarding postal frauds in Cuba, was referred to the Committee on Relations with Cuba. The Senate then, at 12:25, on motion of Mr. Lodge, went into executive session.

COST OF SHIP SUBSIDY.

"So far as the cost to the government is concerned," he added, "it will be realized that the amount of the subsidy could be no more than \$3,000,000 a year. That limit, he said, was fixed definitely in the bill.

REMARKABLE STATEMENTS MADE.

Mr. Frye said that he would say no method whatever in the madness of the critics of the bill.

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WAR-TAX REDUCTION.

Ways and Means Committee Measure Reported.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$40,000,348

Items According to Chairman Payne's Statement.

MOST OF THE STAMP TAXES TO GO.

Articles Also Done Away With—Lower Tax Rates on Cigars and Beer.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means Committee, today introduced the bill reducing the taxation under the war-revenue act, after the Republican members of the committee had agreed on the form of the measure, and the articles to receive the reduction of tax.

The bill provides an aggregate reduction estimated at \$40,000,348. The chief items of this reduction are the stamp taxes, amounting to \$22,000,000; beer, \$9,822,712; cigars, \$3,189,704; proprietary articles, omitting wines, \$3,948,283.

NEW RATE ON BEER.

The bill provides a discount of 20 per cent in the tax of \$2 per barrel on beer, in lieu of the present 7 1/2 per cent reduction, making the new rate \$1.60 per barrel.

MOST STAMP TAXES TO GO.

Schedule A retains the stamp tax on corporate stock, bonds, etc., sales, etc., at exchanges or boards of trade, freight receipts, certificates of profits, entry of goods at customs, and entry for withdrawal of goods from customs bonded warehouses.

TAXES ON LEGACIES.

Section 23 of the war-revenue act, relating to taxes on legacies, is amended by adding at the end of said section the following: "Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to bequests or legacies for uses of religion, literary, charitable, or educational character, including works of art."

"MIXED FLOUR."

"Section 35, that, for the purposes of this act, the words 'mixed flour' shall be taken and construed to mean the food product resulting from the grinding or mixing together of wheat or wheat flour, as the principal constituent, with any other grain, or the product of any other grain, or other material, except such material, not the product of any grain, as is commonly used for baking purposes: Provided, that when any product, resulting from the grinding or mixing together of wheat or wheat flour with any other grain, or the product of any other grain, of which wheat or wheat flour is not the principal constituent, as prescribed in the foregoing definition, is intended for sale, or is sold, or offered for sale, as wheat flour, such product shall be held to be mixed flour within the meaning of this act."

REDEMPTION OF STAMPS.

The bill provides for redeeming revenue stamps heretofore issued and not used. The concluding section provides that the act shall take effect thirty days after its passage.

ACTION BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.

He will then seek to have the bill considered after the adjournment of the House, and legislative bills as prescribed in the view to securing action before the holidays.

GALE ALONG NORTHERN COAST.

Much Damage Done to Shipping—Serious Loss of Life. BOSTON, December 2.—The heavy gale which swept the New England coast last night and to-day created havoc among the large number of schooners caught on the north shore of this State, and the beaches of New Hampshire and Southwestern Maine. More than a dozen schooners were wrecked, a large number

AGAINST CRUMPACKER.

President Himself Opposes the Indianian's Spiteful Measure.

VIRGINIANS AT WHITE HOUSE.

Senators and Representatives Assured as Above.

IMPROVEMENT OF JAMES RIVER.

Richmond Delegation Doing Effective Work at the Federal Capital—Trigg Company to Bid on Battleship and Cruiser.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 5.—(Special.)—The opposition to the Crumpacker bill which is intended to reduce the representation from the South, is developing every day, and has even reached the White House. Mr. McKinley is opposed to the Crumpacker measure. This was demonstrated when Senators Daniel and Martin and Representatives Hay, Otey, and Swanson called to pay their respects to the President, as is the custom at the beginning of each session of Congress. The President received the Virginians very cordially, and regardless of the numerous callers waiting to be admitted, and of the great press of business at the present time, he chatted very pleasantly for over fifteen minutes—quite a compliment to the visitors. In the course of the conversation the Crumpacker measure was mentioned by one of the Virginia gentlemen, and Mr. McKinley is said to have lost no time in assuring them that he was irrevocably opposed to the reduction of representation in any Southern State because of the restriction of suffrage on account of illiteracy. The same provisions existed in the constitutions and laws of many of the Northern States, and the President said he did not see why such a measure as the Crumpacker bill should be considered now.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT. Among the prominent visitors at the Capitol to-day were Captain George D. Wise, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, ex-Governor O'Ferrall; Colonel Bolling, Superintendent of the Richmond Water-Works, and Sergeant-at-Arms George C. Russell, of the Richmond City Council. They spent most of their time in the House, and of the visiting members of the River and Harbor Commission, and of the James River Improvement Committee; Councilman Grimes, and Colonel Outshaw, and the entire delegation will do missionary work among the statesmen who can make the recommendation for an appropriation for Richmond. The delegation will not be held in session before the committee, but they will bring to the attention of the members of the House, and will be materially aided by the Hon. Connally F. Trigg, who has a most extensive association and pleasant acquaintance with the members of the present House. There are very few of either political party whom he does not know personally. Captain Lamb is also a powerful worker in behalf of the James river improvement.

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SEVEN MEN PERISH.

No serious loss of life had been reported up to early this afternoon, when it was shown that the Gloucester fishing schooner Mary A. Brown, wrecked off Hampton Beach, N. H., and its crew of seven men had perished. At 2 A. M. life-savers discovered parts of a shore-clothing ashore. A patrol of the shore police was picked up, and much wreckage was washed in. The Brown was a two-masted vessel. She was built at Bath, Me., in 1876.

A TRYING NIGHT.

The wind last night along the New England coast attained a velocity as high as seventy-five miles an hour. Thick weather accompanied the storm, making last night one of the most trying nights that seamen have experienced in years. Most of the damage in New England was that sustained by shipping. Land damage was done to small buildings, trees, etc., and to telegraph lines. Vermont, with Vermont by wire was practically impossible to-day, owing to damage at several points in that State and New Hampshire.

LEWIS DEL. DECEASED.

The severe gale which has been prevailing along the New Jersey coast continued to-day. The dredge Potomac, valued at \$100,000, bound from Alexandria, Va., in for Atlantic City, and which put back to the Delaware Breakwater from Atlantic City, because of the gale, sank last night, in seventeen feet of water. Her crew was taken aboard the tug which had been towing her.

THE SCHOPIELD BREAKS UP.

The schooner Oliver Schofield, lumber-laden, bound from Norfolk for New York, which went ashore yesterday near York's River Life-Saving Station, began going and that in a few moments the vessel are being washed ashore.

STORMS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 5.—Storms have been sweeping over the British coasts, and many ships have had rough experiences. Several minor wrecks have been reported.

REPORTED LOSS OF LIFE.

ST. BRIEUC, FRANCE, December 5.—The English steamer Rossgull, which has been lost off the coast of Jersey, is reported to have sunk in the English Channel, the Channel islands, and St. Brieu. She foundered in a gale after 11 o'clock last night.

VICKERS SONS & MAXIM, LIMITED.

Alleged Probable Purchase by Them of Cramp's and Midvale Works. NEW YORK, December 5.—The Evening Post says: "According to a report that reached Wall street to-day, Vickers Sons & Maxim, Limited, of England, have instituted negotiations for the purchase of the Midvale Steel-Works, and the Cramp Ship-Building Company, of Philadelphia. The purpose of the English company is believed to be to secure a share of the United States Government contracts for warships, armor-plate, and ordnance."

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS NEXT WEEK.

It is said that final arrangements for the deal are to be attempted next week, in this city, when Charles H. Cramp will come here to meet a New York banker, who will represent the English company. "A well-informed man in steel matters said: 'More than a year ago John Crossley, managing director of Vickers Sons & Maxim, came to America to purchase the Cramp ship-yard. At that time it was understood that the negotiations had fallen through. Beginning these negotiations a second time means probably that a purchase will be made. Vickers Sons & Maxim are the giants of the business—the Krupps of England—and have unlimited capital. They can afford to buy Cramp's and the Midvale outright, if they care to, and are likely to do so. The deal, however, is not a simple one, and will complete the purchase I do not doubt.'"

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AMONG THE FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTERS APPOINTED TO-DAY ARE THE FOLLOWING:

J. L. Coleman, Enonville, Buckingham county, Va.; P. E. Crews, Hubbard, Buckingham county, Va.; Julius Dickerson, Narcoct, Floyd county, Va.; A. W. Fitzgerald, Kings Mountain county, Va.; K. Lovell, State, Floyd county, Va.; J. H. Wright, Upper Lion, Caroline county, Va.

PATENTS.

Patents were issued to-day to George E. and J. R. Carter, of Petersburg, for a vending-machine; to Roy Carter, Bull Run, Va., on a wrench; to Thomas E. Kirk, Deep Creek, Va., on a hand-clearing implement; and to David E. Stoneburner, Bailey's Cross Roads, Va., on a buckle and cockeye.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Thirty-Two Men in Peril for an Hour. SCRANTON, Pa., December 5.—Thirty-two men, employed at the Nayau Colliery, in Dunmore, were entombed by a cave-in this morning, but, thanks to a simple fortunate circumstance, a terrible disaster was avoided.

The men were at work about a thousand feet from the bottom of the slope and were below the surface, when two acres of the roof between them and the slope came down with a terrific crash, crushing the pillars beneath it, and causing a rush of air that almost blew the men from their feet, and hurled the roof of the fan-house. The men's lamps were extinguished, but the air was still healthy, and they remained there. The cracking of the pillars in their vicinity told them that the cave-in was extending toward them, and they must soon find a way out, or be caught and killed, like rats in a trap.

Foreman John Gibbons made them keep cool. Crawling on his hands and knees, he had counted on the instrument you want to be brought out, crushed and mangled corpses, if they were brought out at all.

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