

FEDERAL PENSIONS

THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN BOTH HOUSES

The Senate Passes Forty-Five Private Pension Bills—A Breezy Debate in House Over Pension Appropriation Bill—Mr. Allen Makes a Characteristic Speech on the Increase in This Expenditure—He Attacks Mr. Cannon's Statement as to Government Revenues and Expenses

Washington, December 9.—The senate did considerable business today, although no very important measures were considered or passed and there was very little debate.

Senator Hoar presented a petition signed by 21,269 natives of Hawaii protesting against the annexation of those islands to the United States.

An attempt was made by Senator McBride to secure an appropriation for the relief of the Klondike miners, but the net result was a resolution calling on the secretary of war for all information he had on that subject.

The resolution reported by the Pacific railroad committee, asking the attorney general for information concerning the sale of the Kansas Pacific and requesting the president to obtain a postponement of such sale to such a time as will give to congress a reasonable time to consider and act upon his recommendation, was adopted.

A resolution was offered by Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, and referred to the committee on naval affairs providing for an investigation of the question of drydocks and naval stations.

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee on pensions, requested that at the conclusion of the morning business today an hour be set aside for the consideration of private pension bills, of which he said there were over 200 on the calendar endorsed by the committee. "I am satisfied," he said, "that in private matters we have come to the extreme limit and that it is now time to call a halt." Senator Gallinger thought that the practice of pensioning re-married widows and several other similar classes of claimants ought to be stopped. He thought too, that the recommendation of the commissioner of pensions that a law should be enacted speedily, providing that no pension should be granted to a widow if her marriage to the soldier had been subsequent to the passage of the law under which he was drawing a pension, ought to be enacted into law.

The order requested by Senator Gallinger was made and forty five private pension bills were passed. A bill was passed by the Richmond Locomotive Works its claim for damages and losses incurred in the construction of the battleship Texas.

Senator Gorman secured the passage of a bill to provide for the purchase of additional land in Baltimore, Md., and for the erection thereon of a new government building.

Upon motion of Senator Lodge the immigration bill was made the unfinished business on the senate calendar.

Senator Carter, chairman of the census committee, secured unanimous consent for the consideration on Monday next of his bill providing for the taking of the federal census in 1900. Senator Lodge agreeing not to press the immigration bill on Monday or Tuesday, in view of the anxiety of Senator Carter to secure consideration of the census measure.

At 2:40 o'clock p. m. the senate adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The house today entered upon the consideration of the pension appropriation bill and stirred up a debate that promises to continue for several days. Several of the southern democrats offered criticisms of various classes of pensioners and Private John A. Meeder, of Mississippi, who led the assault in a speech replete with his characteristic humor presented a series of amendments, designed, as he said, to correct some of the most glaring evils. The northern democrats, however, vie with the republicans in their professions of friendship for the soldiers, and one of them, Mr. Norton, of Ohio, declared that the republicans could not make the bill too large for him.

Mr. Stone, in charge of the bill, yielded to Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, who took occasion to make a general statement of the estimates submitted by the secretary of the treasury for the public service of 1899, for the purpose, he said, of disabusing the minds of members and the country of a false impression made by a comparison included in the estimates, where deductions there would be an estimated surplus of \$8,000,000 instead of a deficit. Last year the estimated deficit under the last tariff act was \$16,000,000. If the \$17,000,000 for river and harbor work, for which the government then stood bound, had been included the estimated deficit would have been \$65,000,000. Mr. Cannon said that it might be that the expenditures for pensions for 1899 would exceed the estimates. The commissioner of pensions estimated the expenditures at \$148,000,000. If he should prove to be right, Mr. Cannon pointed out that the \$140,000,000 appropriated by this bill would pay all pensions for the first eleven months of the fiscal year, and a deficiency appropriation could be easily made.

Mr. Allen, democrat, of Mississippi, attacked Mr. Cannon's statement in a speech in which he flashed his inimitable humor that set the house into a roar of laughter. He gravely commended Mr. Cannon's appeal for economy, but avowed that the figures of the appropriation committee did not do the situation justice. He produced figures that showed an estimated deficit for the next year of \$72,000,000. He referred to the increase in the pension roll under the present administration and ridiculed the idea of a decrease unless the late increase was to be attributed to the "exigencies of the recent campaign in Ohio." He read from Commissioner Evans' testimony before the appropriations committee, predicting a deficit of from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in pension expenditures, during the next fiscal year. The maximum had not yet been reached. "This question of the maximum of the pension roll," observed Mr. Allen, "is one of the things that has protracted my stay in congress. When I first came here they were talking of the maximum. I stayed ten or fifteen years to see it, but it has not yet come and I guess I'll have to come back again." (Laughter.)

Mr. Allen directed the batteries of his humor at the Dingley law as a revenue producer, picturing the intense anxiety of the chairman of the ways and means committee at the extra session to get a bill on the statute books that would strike at a balance between the receipts and expenditures and predicting another season of anxiety on Mr. Dingley's part next spring, at another extra session called for the same purpose. He seriously criticized some of the classes of pensioners granted. In conclusion he spoke of the hardships of the great army placed on the people of the south who were, he said, being relentlessly burdened by the gold standard and 4 1/2 cent cotton.

Later Mr. Allen again got the floor and disclaimed any intention of attacking the federal soldiers or the pension rolls; but he said he could not but marvel at the fact that 576,000 names were now on the rolls and that there were 600,000 applications in the office. There had been but 2,200,000 men in the federal army and he was reminded of a meeting between an ex-confederate and an ex-federal at a blue and grey union. They were felicitating themselves on the disappearance of all hostility.

"If there should be another war," said the ex-federal, "we will be standing shoulder-to-shoulder under one flag."

"We will, but you won't," retorted the ex-confederate.

"What do you mean?" asked the ex-federal.

"Legally, you are disabled."

Mr. Allen gave notice that he would offer amendments to prohibit the granting of a pension to a widow whose application was not filed during her widowhood, to prohibit the pension of widows who had married prior to the passage of this act and to strike from the rolls the names of all permanently insane or helpless children who had reached their majority.

Mr. Norton, democrat, of Ohio, declared that it was not the democratic side of the house which was assailing the pension roll. He charged that Commissioner Evans, both on the streets and before the pension committee, had advocated a law that would hereafter cut off the widow and the orphan. He protested his friendship for the old soldier. "Bring on your pension bill," he cried, addressing the republican side. "Raise it as high as you dare, and it will have the vote of every northern democrat on this side."

Mr. Hepburn, republican, of Iowa, replied to some of the criticisms of the pension roll which came from the other side. He was especially severe in his condemnation of a remark by Mr. Norton, which he characterized as "monstrous." The statement was to the effect that the regulations of the pension office compelled most soldiers to stand on the rejected list "commit moral and legal perjury to reach the rolls."

Mr. Norton disclaimed having used the word "most." With a change of that word to many he said he stood by that statement. The pension office required testimony which was not in existence. He stood ready, he said, to aid in sweeping away these senseless regulations.

"While your party had the presidency and the senate and house," asked Mr. Stone, republican, of Pennsylvania, "why did you not remedy some of the evils?"

"When God or the country had the misfortune to give the only democratic president we have had since the civil war," replied Mr. Norton, "we found it too late. He belonged to you and you owned him." (Democratic applause.)

Mr. Hepburn denied that he had put any words in Mr. Norton's mouth. On the contrary he insisted that he had heard the words "most," that he was corroborated by all members about him and by the official reporters' notes. The gentleman from Ohio, with all his boasted courage, was trying to run away from the foul slander he had uttered.

At this point the committee rose and the house adjourned.

Why allow yourself to be slowly tortured at the stake of disease? Chills and Fever will undermine, and eventually break down the strongest constitution. Febri-Cura (Sweet Chill Tonic with Iron) is more effective than quinine, and being combined with iron is an excellent tonic and nerve medicine. It is pleasant to take, and is sold under positive guarantee to cure or money "just as good" kind don't effect cures. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

General Uprising of Moslems in Russian Asia feared

St. Petersburg, December 9.—Throughout Russian Asia there is general unrest among the Moslems. It is attributed to the exaggerated reports of the Turkish victory over the "great Greek empire," which have spread through the length and breadth of the continent. The authorities even fear that the revival of brigandage, recently noticed in the Caucasus, is directed almost solely against the government officials, and the unprecedented phenomenon of Georgians displaying hostilities toward Armenians has become manifest.

The danger is so serious that a conference of the Caucasian governors have been convoked to concert measures of pacification. Travelers in Central Asia report an extraordinary ferment among the Moslems of different races. They are sinking their mutual animosities and declaring that they are, first of all, Mohammedans with the Sultan their common chief.

It is evident that the slightest pretext would suffice to bring about an uprising and to plunge Russia into the same sea of troubles as India.

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach disdaining food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late. "Parker's Sarsaparilla" and "King of Blood Purifiers" make the appetite keen and hearty—invigorates the liver—purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of the food. It is a wonderful blood purifier and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

War on the Standard Oil Company

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DEATH OF COL JNO. D. CAMERON

Seaboard Air Line Wants Another Hearing on Cotton Rates—Meeder, the Postoffice Swindler, Convicted and Sentenced

Colonel John D. Cameron died at Asheville today. He was the oldest telegrapher in the state and was in charge of the first office at Raleigh. Hewas also widely known as an editor at Hillsboro, Raleigh and Asheville and prepared for the agricultural department the "Handbook of North Carolina." During many legislative sessions he was principal clerk of the lower house.

Howe, of New Hanover, who was her today, says there is no sort of foundation for John C. Dancy's statement that he will get the Wilmington collectorship.

John D. Shaw, counsel for the Seaboard Air Line, will be here tomorrow to talk with the railway commissioners about the Seaboard Air Line's not obeying the commission's order reducing freight rates on cotton. He wants the commission to give him another hearing.

John A. Meeder, the postoffice swindler from Warren county, was convicted in the district court today and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment and \$200 fine.

Hart's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Creosote and the Hypophosphites if faithfully used, is a specific in the treatment of weak lungs, Consumption, Bronchitis, etc. Leading physicians recommend it. Sold by J. C. Shepard, R. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

A Register of Deeds Sued for a Penalty

Elizabethtown, N. C., December 9.—Toady summons were served on the register of deeds, J. R. Dunham, a populist, in the sum of \$200 as a penalty for the unlawful issuing of a marriage license, according to section 1816 of the Code. This suit is brought by Z. G. Thompson, of Abbottsburg. Some few weeks ago one Lawrence Hester secured license and married Miss Thompson against the wishes of Mr. Thompson. It appears now that the girl was only 16 years old. Mr. Thompson avails himself of the statute. The trial will be heard Wednesday before R. J. McEwen, justice of the peace, at Abbottsburg.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddell's, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

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WILLIAMSON-KYLE

A Brilliant Social "Faction"—St. John's Church a Scene of Loveliness—An Elegant Reception, Costly Gifts, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., December 9.—There is no task in the line of his calling to which the newspaper "Jenkins" applies himself with fonder zeal or with the "big blade open" wider than to the "sooty" of the best ceremony before the altar of Hymen. It is always beautiful, whether the altar be the sooty forge of Vulcan or the lowly heartstone of the maiden for lovers' names. But a word-painter must be, with wealth of language, Titian's freshness of coloring, and the soul of the poet to picture last evening's exquisite scene at St. John's Episcopal church with its simple, but tasteful decorations (a radiant crown of wax lights surmounting the altar) the organ music, the elegant toilettes of the bride and bridesmaids, each a charming type of the south's "fair woman"—the occasion being the marriage of Mr. Lawrence W. Kyle, a leading citizen, and popular official of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway Company.

The bridal party entered the church in the order: Miss Nellie Kyle, maid of honor, with Mr. E. Williamson; Miss Mamie Haigh with Mr. E. A. Holt; Miss Fannie Kyle with Mr. W. E. Holt; Miss Anna Kyle with Mr. W. E. Holt; Miss Emily Keman, the thimble; Miss Mallett also secured the bouquet thrown over her shoulder by the bride as she glided down the aisle on her way to the carriage for the train.

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A beautiful idea was "Wedding Bells," an illuminated album, richly embossed, for recording all the circumstances of the wedding, of names of attendants, guests, etc. When the bride cake was cut, satin bags were handed to the bridesmaids, in which Miss Marion Mallett received the thimble, Miss Kyle the ring, and Miss Emily Keman the thimble. Miss Mallett also secured the bouquet thrown over her shoulder by the bride as she glided down the aisle on her way to the carriage for the train.

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INVESTIGATING THE CHARGES

Against Members of the History Committee of the Grand Camp, Confederate Veterans of Virginia

Richmond, Va., December 9.—The committee appointed to investigate the charges that certain members of the history committee of the grand camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia were in the employ of the American Book Company began its investigation this morning. Major Thomas Brander, the witness examined, testified as to the rumors that led to the investigation and stated that these rumors gradually settled down upon one or two and the specific charge was now against the grand commander, Colonel James N. Stubbs, also that he had seen paper of the American Book Company which was payable to Colonel Stubbs, that this paper consisted of two checks signed by J. W. Womack, who is currently reported to be in the employ of the American Book Company. One check was for \$200 and the other for \$50.

Major N. V. Randolph testified in regard to the checks that they were in his possession. Upon request of Captain Woods, Major Randolph produced the checks in question and read the writing on them in full to the committee. The first was for \$200 signed by J. W. Womack and made payable to James N. Stubbs. The date was Petersburg, October 16th, 1894, and the check was endorsed "pay to the Planters' National Bank" and the endorsement was signed "J. N. Stubbs." The second check bore date "Petersburg, October 16th, 1894," and was for \$50, also deposited for collection at the Planters' bank and endorsed by J. N. Stubbs. Both checks were drawn on the National bank of Petersburg and these endorsements showed that they had passed through the Planters' bank, of Richmond.

Colonel Stubbs, on taking the stand, said that he had never seen, handled, nor heard of the checks which were produced before the committee. If his name was on the back of them he said it was a forgery. Continuing he said that if he had had any intimation that such a charge was made against him he would never have been a candidate for the position of grand commander. He also denied having been intimate with Mr. Womack. Subsequently Colonel Stubbs, on a more careful examination of the checks and noticing that they were dated in 1894, said he was not prepared to pronounce them forgeries. The writing, he said, looked like his. However, he had no recollection of any transaction in which the checks figured. He was positive that they had no connection with the history committee or the American Book Company. The committee then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

"I don't know, there may be others" he said, but I have used "Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup in my family and would not be without it." He knew better than to buy the inferior preparation that was being urged upon him. Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup has no equal. It will immediately relieve any cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred ailments. Contains no injurious ingredients, is pleasant to take and a safe remedy for children. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

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