

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL.

Lively Discussion Preceded Action by the House Yesterday.

A lively and interesting debate occurred in the House yesterday during the consideration of the Senate amendments to the Urgent Deficiency bill.

Mr. Henderson remarked that if the bill were not passed the work of the Government Printing Office would have to stop, and there would be a lack of money to pay various laborers in the employ of the Government. He therefore moved a concurrence in the Senate amendments, with one exception. This exception was the amendment providing for the payment of Senate session employes, including the clerks to Senators. The Committee on Appropriations recommended a concurrence in the amendment with an amendment striking out the appropriation for the Senators' clerks, which virtually made them annual employes. At the last session the Senate had endeavored in an appropriation bill to secure a provision making the position of a Senator's clerk an annual one. The House had resisted this, and its resistance had been successful. It was now proposed to do by indirection what could not be done by direction.

Mr. Rogers, of Arkansas, criticized the Republican side for a failure to make adequate appropriations for carrying on the Government, and depicted Speaker Reed as leading the hymn, "How Sweet the Sound that Saved a Wretch Like Me."

Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, criticized the financial administration of the Government, dwelling especially upon the purchase of bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury. Since the 3d of August, 1887, to December, 1890, the Secretary had been compelled to purchase \$360,000,000 of bonds, for which he had paid \$416,000,000. Many of these bonds were not due for twenty years.

In reply to the inquiry by Mr. Milliken, of Maine, as to what remedy he would suggest, Mr. Dockery said the best thing he would do would be to repeal the McKinley bill. [Democratic applause.] The second thing he would do would be to renege the Force bill now pending in the Senate. [Democratic applause.] When these remedies were applied in all-petition cases there would not be much left of the Republican party.

After further discussion in similar line, participated in by Messrs. Sweeney, Dockery, Struble, Cutcheon, and Springer, the motion of Mr. Henderson was agreed to, and the bill was returned to the Senate for its action.

CHRISTMAS AT THE POST OFFICE

The Big Rush of Holiday Work Has Already Begun.

The clerks in the City Post Office have commenced already to feel in their work the approach of Christmas, as the mails are beginning to assume a proportion in excess of any previous year. In anticipation of the rush Postmaster Sherwood has issued a general order putting every clerk and carrier at work, and under no circumstances will any leaves of absence be granted. Capt. Sherwood has now got the work of the office down to a science, and although harassed by a horrible place to work in, the great mass of mail is handled with a despatch not excelled in any office in America, although there are few offices with poorer facilities than ours.

Of late years people in every section of the country have taken to the use of the mails for sending their gifts, where before they depended on the express companies, hence it is that the carriers find themselves laden with valuable tokens of esteem at this season, while necessarily their letter and paper mail increases in proportion. Their lots surely are not happy, though they carry on their backs lots that will bring happiness to others. For the first time since the establishment of the post office it has been found necessary to have two deliveries of mail matter in certain thickly populated portions of the city, and Capt. Sherwood has therefore ordered for the day a delivery at 7:30 and 9:30 o'clock, while the carrier's window will be opened from 5 to 7 P. M. The Washington office is heavily taxed at this time in excess of any other office, as the quarterly returns are to come in along with the Christmas mail, and this matter alone is heavier than nine-tenths of the other offices in the country have to handle in a year. There are some sixty thousand postmasters in America and every one of these will submit his returns to the Department here for inspection, so it can be readily seen how the work is doubling at the city office. With this immense variety of mail the per cent. of loss of letters at the Washington office is away below the average, and it is with a feeling of pride that Postmaster Sherwood points to this as a showing of the efficiency of the force. The clerks are the hardest worked and poorest paid Government employes in America, and Congress should classify them on equality with the other offices.

SANTA CLAUS IN HOCK.

And Little Katie and John May Not Get Their Doll and Drum.

There were five newspaper reporters clustered in the ante-room of the First Station last night regaling one another with stories. A drowsy policeman was cuddled up in the corner on a settee, while Father Ward, the sage who for many years has never missed an evening at the station, sat silently drawing the smoke from the bowl of his highly-colored meerschaum. The door is opened, violently, and in walks Sergeant Boyle with a prisoner pretty well gone in liquor, and carrying in his arms the remnants of a doll baby, a drum, and other knick-knacks that were evidently purchased to gladden the hearts of some little ones. Stationkeeper Rollins, the man of keen perception and a heart as big as all outside, registered the prisoner's name, had him searched, and ordered him back. He was respectfully dressed, and in his maudlin state kept repeating to himself, "This dollie is for little Katie and this drum is for my little man, John." Letters in his pocket showed the little tots had written to Santa Claus asking for the doll and drum.

Two Commissioners a Quorum.

On motion of Mr. Grout, of Vermont, the House yesterday passed the Senate joint resolution defining a quorum of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia. It now needs only the approval of the President to make it law.

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THE quantities, (though
THE right in qualities,) and
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THE right now.

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THE branches are yours for
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THE NEWEST
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THE Page of this Paper to
THE do so.

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THE large, and we must re-
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