

IN CONGRESS.

The Sundry Civil Bill Engages Some Attention.

Frye Wants \$800,000 For Transporting the Foreign Mails.

Debates in the House on the Naval Appropriation Bill.

Bill to Quiet Titles in the Des Moines River Settlers.

The New Cabinet Continues to Be the Principal Topic.

Estimated That 30,000 Will Be in the Procession on the Fourth of March.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—Ingralls, from the committee on Indian affairs, reported a bill to refer to the court of claims the eastern and western lands of the Cherokee Indians.

A resolution was agreed to authorizing the committee on Indian affairs to continue during the recess of congress the investigation regarding the lands of Indian lands.

Another resolution was agreed to calling on the secretary of the interior to furnish information regarding the progress of Indian education.

Miller, California, presented a petition from the annual encampment of the grand army of the republic, now in session at San Francisco, praying for the immediate passage of the bill by congress to place Gen. Grant on the retired list.

The amendment was defeated yeas 21, nays 24. As it is a revenue bill it now goes to the house for consideration.

The postoffice appropriation bill was then resumed.

TRANSPORTING THE FOREIGN MAILS.

Frye offered an amendment appropriating \$800,000 for a year for transportation of foreign mails, including transportation across the isthmus of Panama, and authorizing the postmaster general to contract with the lowest bidder for the delivery of mail to any point not to exceed 50 cents per nautical mile on a trip which may actually traveled between terminal points; but providing that such mails shall be carried on American steamships, and the aggregate of such contracts shall not exceed one-half the sum appropriated by the amendment.

Bayard made a point of order that Frye's amendment was general legislation.

Beck said that Frye's amendment was a subsidy to a certain class of men. It was the old Pacific Mail subsidy, and an unjust discrimination giving \$400,000 out of the treasury for a year to one company over a few ships. There would be no time to build any new ships before the subsidy would expire, as it would expire with the appropriation bill.

Frye inquired if it was not a subsidy for a one horse stage running through the back hills of Kentucky to get \$300 a year, more than a dollar a year for every man in the country. He supposed it was a subsidy for the rest of the country to make up Kentucky's deficiency of half a million dollars a year on her mail routes.

Thomas offered an amendment appropriating \$1,750,000 for the completion of a steel cable of not less than 5,000 nor more than 6,000 tons displacement or armament of the cable, to be used as a cable of congress approved August 5, 1872.

Thompson favored the amendment as being a practical beginning of the work of building up the navy.

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Randall the amendment was amended by adding a proviso that the secretary of the navy be approved of the construction of such vessel.

Thomas offered an amendment appropriating \$1,000,000 for the construction of the "Terror," "Huron," "Mantouche," "Amphitrite" and "Miantonomah," provided that their completion shall be recommended by the secretary of the navy.

On motion of Boutwell the amendment was amended providing for the return of the Alert by the thanks of this government to the government of Great Britain.

The bill passed, and the house took a recess till the evening session for a consideration of the business relating to the District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON Gossip.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—The senate yesterday passed the bill authorizing the attorney general to sue for the return of the ship of the line of the United States, the ship of the line of the United States, the ship of the line of the United States.

The cabinet continues to be the principal subject of discussion. Gradually the lines are drawing closer and H. Bayard, and Garland, and Sherman, and Wilson, and Manning, and many disappointed people when the list is announced.

It is quite a scramble to get in the procession on the fourth of March. It is estimated that there will be 30,000 in line, and of course it is to be a scene of confusion once in four years. The only reservation along the avenue is filled with cars for which \$1 or \$2 is allowed to be asked according to location and whether or not they are reserved.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Reported to the house to-day provides an appropriation of \$22,000,177, a reduction below the estimate of \$10,126,225. The bill authorizes the secretary of the treasury in his discretion to suspend in whole or in part, from July 1, 1885, to June 30, 1886, the execution of so much of the laws as to direct the coinage of not more than two millions of standard silver dollars, nor more than four millions of standard gold dollars per month. The bill further provides no plan shall be approved for a public building until a site is purchased and paid for, and that no more money shall be expended for any public building than the amount specified in the law authorizing its erection.

The secretary is authorized to sell at public auction the arsenal at Allegheny and at Indianapolis.

The following are the items of bills: For repairs of custom houses and sub-treasury at Chicago, \$40,000; completion of the court house and post-office at Columbus, Ohio, \$110,000; containing the public building at Peoria, Illinois, \$50,000; completion of the public building at Quincy, Illinois, \$47,500. The bill recommends the appropriation of \$213,420 for light houses, beacons and fog signals, of which the sum of \$9,574 is for the erection of the light houses at Grand Marais, Minn.

The secretary of the navy is directed to transfer to the treasury department for use as a revenue cutter in the waters of the Great Bear, one of the vessels of the late Greely relief expedition. An appropriation of \$130,000 is also recommended for the proposition of food fish in the waters of the United States.

The president is authorized in case of a threatened or actual epidemic, cholera or yellow fever, to suspend the execution of any law appropriated therefor July 7, 1884, together with an additional \$300,000 to be expended in the waters of the United States in aid of the states and local boards, or otherwise in preventing and suppressing the spread of these diseases. The other appropriations recommended are as follows: For continuing the construction of the state, war and naval department buildings; \$4,000 for the Washington monument; to complete the interior stairways and piazzas; to erect new buildings and the enlargement of such military posts as in the judgment of the secretary of war may be necessary. Of this sum, \$5,000 is recommended for the erection of a monument to the late Surgeon General Barnes, for special and meritorious service rendered by her husband in the last illness of President Grant; \$30,000 for continuing the publication of the official records of the war of the rebellion of both union and confederate armies.

An appropriation of \$300,000 to be disbursed under the direction of the secretary of the treasury is recommended in further aid of the world's fair, to be held in New Orleans.

TRANS-ATLANTIC.

Hostile Arabs Reappear at Abu Klea And Are Dispersed.

Reported that El Madhi Has Returned to Khartoum.

The Burton-Cunningham Case Postponed For One Week.

The Marquis of Lorne on the Egyptian War.

Three Unsuccessful Attempts to Execute a Criminal.

Sir Stafford Northcott's Speech in the House on the Egyptian War—Other Foreign Notes.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THE MARCHES OF LORNE ON THE EGYPTIAN WAR.

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THREE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO EXECUTE A CRIMINAL.

LONDON, February 23.—A singular incident happened to-day in connection with the carrying out of the death sentence passed upon Emma A. W. Keyes, at Falmouth, Cornwall. Three attempts were made to hang her but each attempt proved futile on account of the failure of the trap to work properly.

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ON 'CHANGE.

Washington's Birthday Being Observed Throughout the Country.

The Transactions On 'Change Were Very Meagre.

And as is Usual on Such Occasions.

The Cattle Market Was Rather Quiet and Receipts Light.

Fat Steers Reported Steady at Last Week's Prices.

And Hogs Were Rather Dull and the Prices Were Weak and Lower.

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Advertisement for Marburg Droy tobacco, featuring a large illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing the quality and availability of the product.