

HALE OFFERS NAVAL BILL

Chairman of Senate Committee Has a Reorganization Measure.

NO COMMAND FOR STAFF OFFICER

Question that Caused Brownson to Resign May Be Definitely Settled by Congressional Enactment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A bill whose passage, it is expected, will work many important changes in the personnel of the navy and greatly increase its efficiency was introduced by Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs.

There is an important section relating to the appointment of midshipmen to the line and staff corps, and also a provision calling for the retirement of officers of certain age.

The first section of the bill deals with the bureau question by granting authority to bureau chiefs to continue to exercise the business assigned them and requiring that all reports and recommendations shall be made direct to the secretary of the navy.

No Command for Staff. That part of the bill which relates to the assignment of the rank to officers of the various divisions of the staff corps contains that they shall in no instance assume command of any vessel. It is as follows:

The officers in the various staff corps of the navy shall henceforth have the rank and title as now established for the staff corps of the army. Such officers who are not in the line shall be considered as such until they are appointed to the line.

A large section of the bill deals with the appointment of midshipmen to positions in the line and staff and reads as follows: "That from the midshipmen who successfully complete the six years' course at the naval academy appointments shall be made as may be necessary, and in the order of merit of graduates as follows: First, in the lowest commissioned grades of the line and staff corps.

Provided that the foregoing provisions limiting the increase in any fiscal year shall not apply to midshipmen who have entered the naval academy prior to January 1, 1904 and who complete their four years' course at the academy.

The bill provides that when an officer has been in the service, he may, upon application, be retired from active service and be placed upon the retired list.

House Members in Lottery. Draw for Choice of Rooms in the New Congressional Office Building.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A congressional lottery was conducted today in the house of representatives for rooms in the new office building of that body.

Much amusement was created by several members insisting on a thorough understanding of how the drawing was to be conducted. This occasioned much confusion.

For Saturday We Announce A Great Sale of Women, Girls and Children

Advertisement for shoes featuring Benson & Thorne and a large sale announcement.

BAR VOTES FOR AMENDMENT

State Association Endorses More Supreme Judges and Salaries.

JUDGE GOOD LEADS OPPOSITION

Wahoon Man Sets the Pace for Strong Fight and the Vote Stands Twenty-Nine to Nineteen.

C. C. Flansburg of Lincoln, president of the State Bar association, is the chief opponent of the proposed amendment and the increase in the number of judges of the supreme court from three to seven, and for the increase in their salaries to \$4,500.

WALSH SAYS BANK PROFITS

Insists Investment in Bonds Was a Good Thing Financially.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The direct examination of John R. Walsh was resumed today. Attorney John S. Miller of Walsh's counsel recited a list of bonds of the Southern Illinois Railway company which the bank had held at various dates as collateral for loans and which had been sold for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds.

Mr. Walsh denied the truth of statements made by C. M. Foreman, receiver of the Central & Chester railroad, who testified for the prosecution.

COTTON CROP FOR LAST YEAR Census Bureau Issues Figures Showing Number of Bales Ginned to January 1, 1908.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The census bureau today issued a report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned from the month of 1907 to January 1, 1908, was 2,956,427, as compared with 11,541,039 last year, and 3,725,420 for 1906.

ATTACK ON STRIKEBREAKERS

Cases in Which They Drive Set on Fire and Burned by Strikers.

PHILADELPHIA, N. J., Jan. 9.—The importation of men to take the places of striking employes of the Standard Silk mill, and a similar outbreak occurred here last night, and it is similar outbreaks which are being reported from Pennsylvania tracks they were attacked by a crowd of strikers and their sympathizers.

MINE OWNERS TO ORGANIZE

Propose to Find Out if Possible the Cause of Accidents in Mines.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The West Virginia Mining company was formed as a permanent organization at a meeting here today of over sixty mine owners and promoters.

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DECISION AGAINST CARTER

Former Army Officer Not Entitled to Funds Embezzled from Government.

TECHNICAL DEFENSE NO GOOD

Securities Seized to Amount of \$400,000 Will Partly Reimburse Uncle Sam for \$2,250,000 Wrongfully Taken.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Judge Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court rendered a decision this afternoon in favor of the government against Captain Oberlin M. Carter, former United States army engineer, charged with having embezzled \$700,000 of government funds through conspiracy with Contractors Greene and Gaylor.

Several Suits Consolidated. Funds of Captain Carter, which the government claims were proceeds of Carter's collusion with Greene and Gaylor, are tied up by suits pending in the federal courts of New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Georgia and Illinois.

SUIT TO BREAK SNELL WILL

Son of Illinois Millionaire Alleges His Father Was Improperly Influenced.

CLINTON, Ill., Jan. 9.—Testimony was begun today in the suit instituted by Richard Snell, son of Colonel Snell, the late millionaire railroad builder, in the Dewitt county circuit court to break the will which cuts young Snell off with an annuity of \$50,000.

ROCK ISLAND

Advertisement for Rock Island hotel services and amenities.

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DON'T IMAGINE

Advertisement for Boston Lunch featuring quality food and service.

CLEARING SALE Of All Winter Goods

We have just finished invoicing and find we have too much winter goods on hand on account of the mild weather this winter, so we will apply the knife and cut the prices to make quick work and get rid of our surplus stock.

Men's Half Wool Socks, sale price, 10c. Ladies' Wool Hose, 25c, sale price, 15c. Men's Crown Suspenders, sale price, 29c a pair.

A big line of Ladies' Trimmed Hats which we will close out, sale price, \$1.98 to \$3.98; worth up to \$8.00.

Teddy Bears, 25% Discount. Silk Shawls, 25% Discount. Child's Wool Hood, a big line to select from, worth up to \$1.00, sale price, 25c.

A Big Line of Oil Painting Pictures, which we will close out at prices less than you could buy the frame for anywhere.

Underwear for ladies, men and children, a big line of samples at prices less than cost to manufacture.

State Agency for Paris Patterns, all styles, 10c each. Catalogue for asking.

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PHONE MEN HAVE HOT TIME

Municipal Ownership Precipitates a Warm Debate in Convention.

MITCHELL, S. D., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram).—The municipal ownership of a telephone system precipitated a warm discussion this morning in the convention of the Independent Telephone association.

BEATON DRUG CO.

Advertisement for Beaton Drug Co. featuring various pharmaceutical products.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS SOUTHWEST

Advertisement for Homeseekers' Excursions Southwest, featuring travel packages.

A MODERN ANOMOLY

Advertisement for a modern anomaly, likely a hotel or resort.

AMUSEMENTS

Advertisement for Boyd's Theater featuring JANE CORCORAN and 'A DOLL'S HOUSE'.

OPHEUM

Advertisement for Ophemum, an advanced vaudeville show.

AUDITORIUM

Advertisement for Auditorium roller skating and other events.