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THE CRUMPACKER BILL.

A bill has been already introduced by Crumpacker of Indiana which has for its plain purpose the limitation of the number of representatives from the South in accordance with the second section of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution. The bill provides for increasing the membership of the House from 357 to 365, so that under its terms the increase or decrease in members of different States would be as follows:

Northern States.		
	Inc.	Dec.
Colorado.....	1	.....
California.....	1	.....
Connecticut.....	1	.....
Illinois.....	2	.....
Kansas.....	.....	1
Massachusetts.....	1	.....
Minnesota.....	2	.....
Nebraska.....	.....	1
New Jersey.....	2	.....
New York.....	3	.....
North Dakota.....	1	.....
Pennsylvania.....	2	.....
Washington.....	1	.....
West Virginia.....	1	.....
Total.....	18	2
Net gain.....	16	

Southern States.		
	Inc.	Dec.
Arkansas.....	1	.....
Florida.....	1	.....
Missouri.....	1	.....
Texas.....	2	.....
Louisiana.....	.....	2
Mississippi.....	.....	3
North Carolina.....	.....	4
South Carolina.....	.....	3
Virginia.....	.....	1
Total.....	5	13
Net loss.....	8	

In the states not included in the tables there will be no change from the present number of representatives. Under the present apportionment what are known as "Southern States" have 142 votes in the electoral college, while the remaining states have 305. Under the Crumpacker bill the South would have but 134 electoral votes, against 321 in the North and West.

The issue is a perplexing one. The language of the constitution apparently leaves no other course to be pursued than that of making the apportionment upon the principle of the Crumpacker bill, and yet many of the foremost authorities hold a different view. It is

known that neither the president nor any eminent republican leader in either house has favored a reduction of representation from the South, while many of the most influential papers of the country have strongly opposed it.

The prevailing sentiment among conservatives, at any rate, is very well expressed by the Baltimore American in saying: "This is not the time to pass upon this question of Southern representation. Causes are pending in the federal courts testing the legality of negro disfranchisement, and when they shall have been determined it will be time enough to think about retaliation. Now the sections dwell together in amity, and the relationship should not be disturbed. So far as the matter of a general reapportionment is concerned, we believe it may best be settled by raising the basis so as to keep the house down to its present number, and without changing the numerical representation now enjoyed by the several states."

MINUTE GUNS OF A CENTURY.

When, on the morning of Jan. 1st, 1801, the proud Ship of State, Columbia, hoisted her anchor and bore away into the unknown, untried waters of the new century, she left behind her a harbor of peace; a harbor teeming with the reawakened life of the nation. She had but just come safely through the dark, stormtossed seas of the Revolution and now, again, he brasts the waves, aclang-ing her liberty bell and waving the starry folds of her banner in the morning breeze.

The rosy glow of the budding day gives no warning of the raging billows beyond the harbor; no warning of the squalls about to swoop down upon her; no warning of the deadly typhoon that, ere she again reaches harbor, will be shrieking about her; nor the placid waters, reflecting on their clear surface the ship's goodly proportions, inkling of the maelstrom soon to seek to draw her within its awful embrace.

But the brave officers who direct her course and the brave seamen who man her, are not to be deceived by these signs. Well they know that there may be deadly reefs in their pathway, and, from horizon to horizon, the sea is scanned by watchful eyes.

And so, ere many leagues are passed,

the lookout discerns the cloud "no bigger than a man's hand," the good captain notes the falling barometer, all hands are piped on deck and soon, all is ship shape, and the good Ship of State passes, at length, safely through her first storm—the war of 1812.

Then, when her carpenters have repaired the broken helm and the damaged hulk, the good ship proceeds on her way joyously, for many leagues more—and yet! Was that not a distant rumble of thunder! Or is it the roar of breakers? The helmsman turns the wheel and steers the vessel farther out to sea, away from the long line of foam that betokens the hidden reef, and the danger is averted for the time being.

Then a source of danger rears itself in the distant southwest. A short, sharp squall rushes suddenly upon the vessel, but, by the bravery of her crew, the good ship weathers the gale and comes again into the sunshine—the Mexican war is passed.

The noontide of the century passes.

But again the hoarse roar of breakers! The ship is drifting toward the rocky shore—drifting—drifting to certain destruction and no hand upon the helm! Ahoy! Men of the Columbia, ahoy! Breakers ahead! God above, what means this? Mutiny? Will the seamen in their mad strife, let the ship go to her doom?

But a tall form strides forth from the struggling mass, his hand grips firmly the wheel of destiny, his noble brow is lifted heavenward, his eyes meet unflinchingly the glare of hatred and scorn, his grand voice rings above the din of battle, above the roar of breakers:

"Stand by to save the ship!"

And thus he remains through the early hours of the century's afternoon, seeking to save the vessel he loves, while the battle rages fiercely about him. But his followers are victorious; the good ship, though nearly rent in twain, her masts riven in splinters, her sails torn in shreds, her deck covered with the dead and dying, turns slowly about and again struggles seaward. And the afternoon glare of the century's sun falls direct upon the ship's banner, floating at half-mast, and alights pityingly upon the cold, upturned face of the valiant helms-