

PROVIDES MORE WAR SHIPS

Resolution to that Effect Introduced in the House.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO GET OPTIONS

Members Attempt to Give an Extra Month's Pay to Employees, but Are Defeated on the Test Vote.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The house passed the sundry civil appropriation bill today after four days' debate.

The sudden change of sentiment in the house, which is often witnessed when members go on record, was twice illustrated today.

On Friday the house committee of the whole, where there is no record of the vote, knocked out a provision in the bill for an appropriation to pay those who furnish the government with information leading to the conviction of the violators of the internal revenue laws.

That the secretary of the navy be, and is hereby authorized, whenever in his judgment it shall become expedient for the best interests of the country to do so, to secure copies of such books, charts, maps, torpedo boats or other form of naval vessels as are of the most modern type and ready for immediate use together with the necessary armament and equipment for the same as in his judgment are necessary.

Mr. Lewis (dem., Wash.) offered an amendment which was adopted on a point of order, designed to prohibit the imprisonment by United States judges of persons charged with contempt of court until such persons shall have been advised with a jury.

Mr. Handy (dem., Del.) made a point of order against the provision relating to the Paris exposition. The point was debated at some length and when Mr. Payne, who was in the chair, intimated that he was inclined to sustain it several members appealed to Mr. Handy to withdraw it.

Mr. Hartman (ill. rep., Mont.) offered an amendment offering all the employees of the house an extra month's salary for services during the present month.

Mr. Cannon made a point of order against it and vigorously antagonized it. The amendment after some debate was agreed to.

Mr. Shattuck (rep., O.) who was for thirty years connected with the management of railroads, took occasion to answer an attack made on the railroad industry.

Mr. Shattuck, continuing, said he would be ashamed to come to the forum of the people and be continually grumbling about the miserable condition of the people he represents.

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Mr. Shattuck: "Well, it does not send them here." (Great laughter.)

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Mr. Cannon demanded separate votes on two amendments—one striking out the appropriation for \$75,000 for the payment of those who inform on the heresies of violators of the internal revenue laws and the other granting a month's extra salary to employees of the house.

Mr. Cannon urged the house to restore the appropriation for the detection of illicit stills. The appropriation was absolutely necessary, he said, to protect the government revenues in many states, especially in North Carolina and Georgia.

By a vote of 180 to 67 the provision was restored to the bill. The friends of the motion to strike out the appropriation were too weak to secure the ayes and nays.

The action of the committee in voting an extra month's pay to the employees of the house was reversed by the house on a record-making vote, the amendment being defeated, 63 to 159.

The sundry civil bill was then passed and the house then went back into committee of the whole and took up the bill reported by the ways and means committee to authorize the transportation of distilled spirits to general bonded warehouses and to regulate removal therefrom.

INDIANS KEEP THE PEACE

They Are Charged with No Outbreak During the Year.

INCREASE THEIR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There is Evidence that the Red Man is Making Steady Progress in Industrial Pursuits and in Education.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The twenty-ninth annual report of the Board of Indian Commissioners, of which Merrill E. Gates is chairman, has been submitted to Secretary Bliss.

It says that in the general condition of the Indians no important changes have occurred, but there is evidence of steady progress in industrial pursuits and in education. The only collision during the year was between a hunting party in Colorado and the civil officers who attempted their arrest.

The critical situation of the Indians of Agua Caliente reservation in southern California has, the report says, given them and their friends much anxiety. Persistent efforts have been made for several years to eject them from their homes which they have owned for centuries, and their rights having been brought before the court the case was decided against them.

The board views with satisfaction "the firm stand of the president in support of civil service," and that it was a great boon to the service would be a great boon to the service.

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION. Mention is made of the enlarged and improved facilities for Indian education inaugurated during the past year.

Secretary Gates Replies to Inquiry of the Senate. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Secretary Gates, in reply to a resolution relative to the coinage of standard silver dollars from bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, today sent to the senate this statement:

The total amount, cost and coinage value in standard silver dollars of bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, is as follows: "On account purchased, 1892-93, cost, \$155,921.00; coinage value, \$184,944.38. From August 13, 1890, to November 1, 1892, 285 standard silver dollars containing 27,911.25 fine ounces, costing \$29,136.19, giving a net profit of \$2,225.28.

PROMOTION FOR CAPTAIN ANDREWS. Made a Major in Adjutant General's Corps and Sent to Omaha. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The vacancy in the adjutant general's corps caused by the promotion of General Corbin has been filled by the transfer from the line of Captain Andrews of the Twenty-fifth infantry.

News for the Army. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—First Lieutenant Matt R. Peterson, Sixth infantry, has been detailed as professor of military science and tactics at Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., relieving First Lieutenant Samuel W. Miller, Fifth infantry, who will join his company.

Appointments by the President. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The president today sent these nominations to the senate: State—Sol Berliner of New York, to be consul at Tenerife, Canary Islands.

Justice—To be marshals, J. W. Overall, for the middle district of Tennessee; Thomas H. Baker, for the western district of Tennessee.

Navy—Captain Henry B. Robinson, to be a commodore; Commander Theodore F. Jewell, to be captain; Commander William Folger, to be captain; Lieutenant Commander Andrew Dunlap, to be a commander; Lieutenant Commander Richard Rush, to be a commander.

Interior—John C. Martin, receiver of public moneys, Prescott, Ariz.; C. N. Volentine, register of land office, Fargo, N. D.

Pertaining to Postoffices. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmasters were appointed today as follows: Nebraska—J. E. Kehler at Davey, Lancaster county, vice M. Davey, removed, and E. L. Maloney at Fort Niobrara Cherry county, vice G. W. Craigie, resigned.

South Dakota—Nels A. Andersen at Burbank, Clay county; Julius Diesterhaup at Henderson, Douglas county; Frank C. Dickson at Hillside, Douglas county; Charles W. Truogen at Kimball, Brule county; E. K. Rice at Presho, Presho county; Robert L. Wilson at Springfield, Bon Homme county, and C. R. Johnson, at Westerville, Clay county.

No River and Harbor Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—It can be stated positively no river and harbor bill will be reported at this session of congress. The house leaders are opposed to a river and harbor bill and the friends of the bill on the committee believe it would be better to wait until the short session after the congressional election next fall, when a complete and comprehensive bill can be reported, rather than attempt to pass an inadequate bill at this session.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF The Equitable Life Assurance Society Of the United States.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

ASSETS.

Table listing assets: Bonds and Mortgages, Real Estate, Building and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages, United States Stocks, State and City Stocks and other investments, Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks, Real Estate outside the state of New York, Cash in Banks and Trust Companies, Balances due from agents, Interest and Rents due and accrued, Premiums due and unreported, less cost of collection, Deferred Premiums, less cost of collection. Total Assets: \$236,876,308.04

INCOME.

Table listing income: Premium Receipts, Cash received for Interest and from other sources, Income. Total Income: \$48,572,269.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table listing disbursements: Death Claims, Matured and Discounted Endowments, Annuities, Surrender values, Matured Tontine Values, Dividends paid to Policy-Holders, Paid Policy-Holders, Commissions, advertising, postage and exchange, All other payments; Taxes, salaries, medical examinations general expenses, etc., Contingent Guarantee Fund, Disbursements. Total Disbursements: \$33,143,277.61

We hereby certify that, after a personal examination of the securities and accounts described in the foregoing statement for the year 1897, we find the same to be true and correct as stated. The stocks and bonds in the above statement are valued at the market price December 31, 1897.

ASSURANCE.

Outstanding Assurance: \$951,165,837.00. New Assurance written in 1897: 156,955,693.00. Proposals for Assurance Examined and Declined: \$24,491,973.00.

Francis W. Jackson, Auditor. Alfred W. Maine, 2nd Auditor.

LIABILITIES.

Table listing liabilities: Reserve (or Assurance Fund) on all existing policies, on the Legal Standard on which it is calculated that future interest earnings will be at the rate of 4 per cent, All other Liabilities, Total Liabilities, Surplus. Total Liabilities: \$186,333,133.20. Surplus: \$50,543,174.84

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Equitable Society, in accordance with its by-laws, to revise and verify all its affairs for the year 1897, hereby certify that we have, in person, carefully examined the accounts, and counted and examined in detail the Assets of the Society, and do hereby certify that the foregoing statement thereof is true and correct as stated.

The average rate of interest earned on the Assets of the Society in 1897 was 4.60 per cent. On a calculation that the Society will receive only 4 per cent as its future average rate of interest, the surplus, after deducting all liabilities, is \$50,543,174.84. On a calculation that the Society will receive only 3 per cent as its future average rate of interest, the surplus after deducting all liabilities, is \$29,014,800.00. The surplus of the Society is greater than the surplus of any other life assurance company in the United States or Europe, on similar computations. Whatever per centage of interest the Society may receive in the future in excess of the rate used in the above computation, is accumulated and invested for the greater increase of its surplus for the benefit of its policy holders. An apportionment of profits will be made as usual to policy holders during the year 1898 in the manner specified in their respective policies.

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement. George W. Phillips, Actuary. J. G. Van Cise, Assistant Actuary.

STATE OF NEW YORK, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, FEBRUARY 1, 1898. I hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of Section Eighty-four of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, I have caused the policy obligations of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, outstanding on the 31st day of December, 1897, to be valued as per the combined Experience Table of Mortality, at four per cent interest, and I certify the same to be \$184,191,538.00.

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