

News of the Week.

March 31—April 6;

The U. S. Senate passed the Supplementary Currency Bill; a Bill regulating applications for the removal of political disabilities; the Indian Appropriation Bill with an amendment providing for Commissioners of Intelligence and Philanthropy appointed by the President, who shall superintend the disbursements; the Tenure of Office bill as amended in joint conference, authorizing the President to remove officials during the recess of the Senate, but providing that these shall return to office at the close of the next session if the Senate refuse to confirm their successors; and a Joint Resolution to adjourn April 10.

The House passed Judge Kelley's nickel coinage bill; the Joint Resolution to adjourn April 10; the supplemental Tax Bill; the Tenure of Office Bill, as amended in Joint Conference; the Bill continuing war rates of pay in the army for a year; and the Miscellaneous Deficiency Bill, appropriating \$2,563,951. The Mississippi Provisional Government Bill was postponed till next session. The Public Lands Committee were directed to inquire into the expediency of relaxing some provisions of the Homestead Law in favor of soldiers. The Ways and Means Committee were ordered to investigate the workings of the Tariff Laws; and the expediency of levying direct taxes in the lately rebel States. The Reconstruction Committee report Gen. Butler's Bill to reconstruct the Georgia Legislature, and in favor of postponing action as regards Texas and Virginia. The Sub-Committee on the Treasury Printing Bureau report evidence of culpable laxity and want of regularity. The Secretary of State reports that nearly 300 vessels, valued at over \$13,000,000 were destroyed by rebel cruisers during the war.

Pres. Grant is quite recovered. He continues to send nominations to the Senate, of whom, among others, Gen. Longstreet for the Surveyor of the Port of New Orleans, has been confirmed. He has signed the Tenure-of-Office Bill.

The Departments are inaugurating the regime of economy. Secretary Rawlins gave the employees of the Washington Arsenal their choice between ten hours per day at present rates and eight hours at a reduction of twenty per cent, and they chose the former. Secretary Borie orders the Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard to reduce the wages 20 per cent. Commissioner Delano orders the strict enforcement of legal penalties for violation of the Internal Revenue laws. Secretary Boutwell has ordered the dismissal of all special Secretaries Agents. The fraudulent issue, by the last Administration, of bonds for parts of Pacific R. R. not yet completed, is under investigation. The expenses of the Government in March were \$18,490,000.

The Public Debt, less cash in the Treasury, April 1st, was \$2,525,196,461.74, a decrease of \$2,573,039,28 during the month, or of \$5,507,359, were it not for the issue in bonds to Pacific R. Roads of \$2,915,320. These bonds now aggregate \$56,852,320.

The Army.—The Department of the Cumberland is continued, with Gen. Cook to supersede Gen. Thomas. Gen. Hatch has been relieved from Freedman's Bureau duty and ordered to rejoin his regiment. Gen. Stoneman has been relieved of the command of the First District, and ordered to California.

In the Middle States Moses H. Grinnell, the new Collector of the Port of New York, has sold out his interest in thirty merchant vessels. He has 11,000 applications for places. The Erie and Niagara R. R. propose a new bridge or tunnel to cross the Niagara River at Fort Erie. The R. Roads of N. Y. State cost \$208,185,783, and carried last year 18,434,300 passengers and 11,961,692 tons earning \$49,377,790. Of the passengers 302 were killed and 293 wounded. The Canal contract system is to be abolished. The Imperialist, of New York, is started to advocate an American monarchy. Freshets on the Hudson and the Genesee have opened those rivers to navigation. A Fourtairie community at Brocton, on the Erie shore near Buffalo, with T. L. Harris at its head, embraces an ex-member of Parliament (Laurence Oliphant) and an ex-Sec. of U. S. Legation (T. L. Harris) among its members. The New Jersey Legislature has adjourned. It voted to tax the income of bankers, brokers, &c., and one branch passed a Bill to submit the XVth Amendment to the vote of the people. The deaths were half and the marriages one third as numerous as the births in the State last year. The R. Roads killed 103 and injured 55 persons last year, and earned \$6,911,568.

In New England the Republicans have elected Marshall Jewell Governor of Connecticut, and two of the four Members of Congress, but their majority in the Legislature is reduced.

In Pennsylvania the Legislature has passed the Cattle Market Monopoly Bill, bettered a little. The House votes to tax banks and brokers one per cent. on capital stock and profits. The dedication of the Soldiers' Monument at Harrisburg is postponed through the non-arrival of the statue of Victory from Italy. The Broadhead murderers of Water Gap have broken jail and escaped. One has been recaptured.

In the City a New England resident, in a fit of insanity, killed his wife and children. Twitchell confesses to a knowledge that his wife killed her mother. The Beneficial Savings Fund at Millth and Chestnut streets was robbed of about a million on Sunday. Twitchell having sued for a writ of error in the U. S. Supreme Court on the ground that one of the provisions of our State Constitution applied in his case, was in contravention of that of the U. S., the writ was refused.

In the South Gov. Wells, of Va., is acquitted of stealing a letter and restored to office by Gen. Stoneman's successor. Of 4,461 offices in the State, 2,907 are legally vacant. The Governor of Louisiana and two other officials have been indicted by the Grand Jury and held to answer for ejecting the State Auditor from office.

In the Interior, Wisconsin and Minnesota have had a heavy fall of snow. Iowa is out of debt and has a million in the Treasury. Ex-Pres. Johnson has been making a speech at Knoxville, in which he informed his audience, black and white, that they were "slaves to the bond holders." The Republicans carried Cincinnati, and the Democrats Cleveland, in the municipal elections. The Republicans elect Thos. M. Cooley Judge of the Supreme Court of Michigan.

On the Pacific Coast San Francisco has had a severe, but not very destructive, earthquake. Silver mines have been found at Sonora.

abolition of the disabilities of aliens as regards holding real estate. The Irish "Party Processions Act" is to be repealed, and full freedom of demonstration granted. The Cunard line have secured the Mail contract, and are building fast steamers. Another colliery explosion in Lancashire has killed twenty-eight men. Another under sea tunnel, from the Mull of Cantire to Ireland, 14 1/2 miles long, is proposed. It would cost \$21,250,000, and would take six years to build. The Irish Diocesan Synods are electing delegates to a Conference to devise measures as regards the Church's future.

France is enforcing the treaty requiring the actual demolition of the Luxemburg fortifications.

Bavaria has recalled all furloughs granted to officers or men.

In Italy treasonable conspiracies have been detected at Naples and Ancona, and their leaders arrested.

In Spain the Cortes have voted for the loan asked by Serrano. The difficulties about conscription are not at an end. Prim asks a contingent of 80,000 men for 1869. The Pyrenean frontiers are to be more closely watched to keep out Carlists. The Cuban elections to the Cortes have been ordered. Mr. Hale, U. S. Minister, has been charged by members of the Cortes with malfeasance in office, and the Government promise investigation. France is asked to examine Gonzales Bravo, Isabella's premier, as to his complicity in the plot to assassinate Admiral Topete. Bismarck is charged with having secured the throne for the Montpensiers, because they are hated by Napoleon. The ex-King of Portugal, Ferdinand, is now said to have been informally chosen by the Cortes, and a delegation has gone to offer him the Crown.

In Greece the Chambers have been dissolved, and new representatives will be elected May 16th, and will meet Jan. 5.

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