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A Daily Lesson.

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We repeat that the country owes help to all its helpless. When it gets down to a three months military service as a pension warrant, it gets close to the little end of nothing. And when it awards a pension for injuries, not the result of military service, it opens a door for a pension list that will not only stop the decrease of the public debt, but that will cause it to grow as fast as during the war.

Senator Blair, who introduced this bill, is the father also of the bill appropriating the public funds to educational purposes in the states. He seems to have a special mission to open the treasury doors. He wants to keep the outpour of cash up to the point, that the impour may be made as big as possible. We do not know whether his pension bill will get through the House, as it has the Senate, where it passed because of the desire to embarrass the Democratic administration with the approval of the senate, through fear of the soldier vote.

We do not think that it will greatly trouble the administration. The House should reject it, if it does not the president will look with approval upon the pensioning of three months soldiers for disability not incurred in the service.

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PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES and suite arrived at Lisbon on Thursday night, the evening of the coronation of the crown prince. Princess Amelia, daughter of the count of Paris, on the 20th inst. The prince was met on the landing by the king and queen and the crown prince and princess, and given a warm greeting. A royal salute was fired in his honor, and a banquet was given him in Portugal were read. A banquet will be tendered to the prince at the palace.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER CHARLES W. HAYES, on Monday evening, announced the following appointments: Grand chaplain, Rev. David Croft, Bedford county, grand master, William King of Adams, grand conductor, James Bingham, Jr., Philadelphia; grand guardian, John W. Harkness, county grand lecturer, Leonard F. Bailey, Philadelphia. The grand secretary announced the appointment of Augustus Duff, Sr., as assistant grand secretary.

Rev. F. A. near general of the Catholic diocese of Trenton, and pastor of St. Mary cathedral, was honored Thursday night by his parishioners with the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of his arrival in that city. Taylor's opera house was packed to overflowing, and on the stage were seated the most distinguished citizens, State Kelsey, and other prominent citizens, besides a number of priests. Congratulatory addresses were delivered, vocal and instrumental music rendered, and a sum of \$1,000 in specie was presented to the venerable priest.

SALVINI, the great actor, on beginning his American tour, on Monday evening, excited the manager should furnish him with four dressing rooms at the theatre. Mr. Salvini agreed to this, thinking that he would only be expected to carry out the agreement when the company performed in such smaller theatres as were provided with the usual conveniences of gas or electric light. He found himself mistaken, however, as Salvini insisted on going to the theatre, and he left before he appeared. Not one of his candles was used during the trip. As he received them each day Salvini packed them away carefully in a trunk which he took over the country with him. When he was ready to go back to the sunny skies of his native Italy he will take with him several candles to light his house at home for several years to come.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

An American Observation Party Inappropriate owing to the Delay of Congress.

In the regular course of business last week the Senate took up the bill reported from the naval committee on February 19, to appropriate \$10,000 to cover the expense of an expedition to the island of St. Helena, in the Southern Ocean, to observe the total eclipse of the sun on August 29. Mr. Allison was inclined to have the bill go over, but as Mr. Edmunds urged that it would be a great pity to stop the expedition, the Senate passed the bill without further objection. It is now before the House, where it is likely to be buried with the 7,000 other bills that will never emerge from the committee rooms. This will probably be a great disappointment to the scientific men. As long ago as November of last year, President Barnard, of Columbia college, and Professor A. Graham Bell, Jr. of the University of Washington, and E. C. Pickering, and C. A. Young, a committee of the National Academy of Sciences to which the expedition was referred, made a report in which they said:

"The secretary of the navy inquires as to the expediency of asking Congress for an appropriation of \$10,000 to cover the expense of an expedition to the island of St. Helena, on the total solar eclipse of August 1886. No class of celestial phenomena has furnished more valuable information to the astronomer of the physical condition