

XXXIXTH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

[CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.]

SENATE.—At 1:15 P. M., Mr. Henderson moved that the senate adjourn, but gave way to Mr. Hendricks, who introduced a bill explanatory of the act in relation to the distribution of prize money, which was referred to the Naval Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the special committee to inquire into the condition of the National banks, provided for by resolution yesterday, was ordered to be appointed by the Chair, and its members are Mr. Wilson, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Doolittle, it was ordered that when the senate adjourn, it to meet on Monday next.

Mr. Henderson renewed his motion, and the senate, at 1:30 P. M., adjourned.

House.—Mr. Hooper (Mass.) from the Committee on Banking and Currency, reported a bill to secure and regulate the safe-keeping of public money intrusted to disbursing officers of the United States.

Mr. Randall (Pa.) asked that the bill be put upon its merits, and the bill was recommitted with leave to report at any time.

Mr. Schenck (Ohio) from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill in relation to the bounty bill, and asked the House to pass it immediately, appealing to members to forego any arguments in its favor, and to vote for its passage.

Mr. Ward called him whether he would not allow a substitute for the bill to be offered.

Mr. Schenck declined doing so, and the House, at 3 o'clock, adjourned.

The substitute was agreed to by a vote, by yeas, 84 to 33, the yeas and nays having been called.

And the question recurred on the passage of the bill. The bill was then passed by a vote of 139 to 23.

Mr. Darling called for the reading of the votes in the negative, and the clerk read the names of John A. Nicholson (Del.), and Lawrence S. Trimble (Ky.).

He, as passed, gave a bounty of eight and one-half cents for each year for time of actual service; and in case of discharge on account of wounds received in line of duty, the bounty is to be paid up to the end of the term of enlistment.

In case of the death of any soldier discharged, before the end of his term of enlistment, the allowance shall be paid to his widow, not exceeding the amount of the bounty, to his minor child or children under 16 years of age.

In computing the bounty, all bounties already paid by the United States or by any State, territory or municipal organization, or by any voluntary association, shall be deducted, and in case of soldiers and marines prize money shall also be deducted, and any amount discharged, or re-enlistment or transferee to another branch of the service.

All sales or transfers of interest in bounty are declared null and void, and no payment of bounty shall be made unless application is filed within two years from the passage of this act.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on the bill, and resumed the consideration of the bill, the free list being under discussion.

The committee had proceeded in the bill as far as the twenty-third section, when the House took a recess till 7.

Evening Session.—The Committee resumed its session at 7 o'clock, and resumed the consideration of the bill, commencing at the twenty-third section.

About 10 o'clock, having progressed through the twenty-third section, the Committee adjourned.

From Baltimore.—In the United States District Court, to-day, Judge Giles decided the petition for an injunction against the City Passengers' Association, in favor of the petitioner, A. A. Bradley, colored, to ride in said cars. The Judge ordered that the facts stated in the petition do not present a case for the equitable action of the Court by way of injunction. The petitioner, in this case claims to be a lawyer from Boston. The colored people generally protest against this course as an unequal interference in their behalf.

From Fortness Honor.—FORTNESS MONROE, May 25.—Instructions from Washington were received this morning by General Miles to give Jeff. Davis, on his parole, the freedom of the fort, he entering by his own room, and he and his night, Messrs. Shea and O'Connor, his counsel, have been allowed access to the fort and private interviews with him at any time.

Mrs. Davis left here on the 23d, and was in Washington yesterday, the date of the instructions sent to General Miles.

Disfranchising Belts.—WHEELING, Va., May 25.—The election in West Virginia, yesterday, on the ratification of the Constitution of the United States, disfranchising persons engaged in rebellion, passed off quietly. Returns from the inferior counties come in very slowly. Fall returns from eleven counties indicate a large majority for ratification. Wheeling city and Ohio county give 300 majority for rejection.

From Boston.—BOSTON, May 25.—In the Superior Court to-day, in the case of James Malachuk vs. Dr. Henry J. Bowditch, for damages for illegally branding the plaintiff with the letter "D" (deserter), while Examining Surgeon in the Provost Marshal's office; the jury returned a verdict of one thousand dollars damages for the plaintiff.

YONKERS, N. Y., May 25.—The large building known as the "bedstead factory" was burned to-day. The loss on building and machinery is \$10,000. A large quantity of cotton stored in the building was destroyed.

From Richmond.—RICHMOND, May 25.—The long bridge over the James river, on the line of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad, has, in the place of the bridge burned in April, 1865, was completed to-day.

Burning of a Town in Michigan.—DETROIT, May 25.—A special despatch to the Tribune says a greater portion of the town of Albion, in the County of Fawcawp, Michigan, was burned to-day.

Fire in Maine.—BATH, Me., May 25.—The Bath woolen and saw mills were entirely destroyed by fire this morning. The loss will probably reach \$100,000.

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