

WASHINGTON

The Morrill Service Pension Bill Defeated in the House.

It Will Probably Be Brought Up Again in a Few Days.

Provisions of the Bill—An Ohio Congressman Introduces a New Service Pension Bill—Blaine's Plans for Reciprocity With South American Nations—Other National News.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The special correspondent of The Indianapolis Journal (Republican) sent the following to his paper Monday evening:

"A change of one vote in the house today defeated the Morrill service pension bill. Frank Lawler, of Chicago, voted to suspend the rules to pass the bill, and when he ascertained that the precisely two-thirds vote for the proposition, he changed his vote from 'yea' to 'nay,' and the bill failed. It will come up again, however, at no distant day.

Provisions of the Bill. "It pensions at \$8 a month all soldiers and sailors at 65 a month and orphans dependent upon their own exertions for support, and who are for any reason disabled from any cause whatever, and places all veterans on the roll at that rate when they attain the age of 62 years.

NEW SERVICE PENSION BILL.

Introduced in the House by Representative Buchanan, of Ohio.

The service pension bill introduced Monday in the house by Representative Buchanan, of Ohio, provides substantially as follows: It grants a service pension of one cent per month for each day of service to every man who served in the Union army during the late war, without regard to age; it provides that those soldiers who now receive a disability pension may at their option, at the expiration of their disability pension, and accept the service pension.

Widows of those drawing the service pension will be paid on the roll at \$8 per month during widowhood, but have the right to prosecute and obtain a pension under the present law by showing that the husband died from disability contracted in service and line of duty. The bill also grants a pension of \$1 a month to minor children under 16 years of age of soldiers who die while drawing a pension, and if any of the children are so handicapped as to require the care of another person, the pension is to continue during this helplessness. If the widow dies or remarries before the children attain the age of 16 her pension is to be paid to them until they attain that age.

CANAL AROUND NIAGARA.

The House Committee on Railways and Canals Favors Such a Project.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The house committee on railways and canals has passed a bill providing for the construction by the United States of a ship canal around Niagara Falls.

The route is to be along one of the lines already surveyed, and a definite location is to be made by a board of five men to be appointed by the president, composed of two army engineers, two civil engineers and one distinguished citizen. Ten thousand dollars is appropriated for the expenses of the board and one million dollars is appropriated to begin the construction of the canal under the direction of the secretary of war. It will be urged in the report that the canal, which now averages the only route around the falls, is an English property and would be closed against us in the event of a war. The depth of the canal, fifteen feet, would not be an impediment to permit of the passage of our vessels.

As a further reason in support of the passage of the bill, it will be recited that the Welland canal has been used as a means of discrimination against the ports of the United States and in favor of the British ports of the Great Lakes. According to the plan submitted the canal is to cost \$10,000,000, which will be really less than the cost of the Welland canal with its 100 feet depth, while the new canal is to have a depth of twenty and a half feet. The route is a cut through the hills in Ontario, and the locks are to be 10 feet high by 80 feet in length. It offers as the canal is to be sufficiently large to permit of the passage of vessels which can pass through the St. Mary's canal when the new lock is completed.

RECIPROcity.

Blaine's Plans as Outlined by a Washington Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—It is undoubtedly a fact that Secretary Blaine desires to negotiate reciprocity treaties with South American nations. A long statement, purporting to give his position and the steps which he proposes to take, reached here Monday in a special to an eastern journal. This among other things contained the following:

"The suggestion is, in effect, that the president should, by proclamation, declare the ports of the United States free to all the products of any independent country on the American hemisphere on which no export duties are levied, so long as such nations admit free of all taxes on raw materials, preserved meats, and vegetables, fruits, and in fact all articles of food, lumber, refined petroleum and such other products of the United States as may be agreed upon; provided, however, that this concession shall apply only to merchandise transported in vessels of the United States or of other American countries entering into the agreement. Such is, in very nearly its exact terms, the suggestion informally made to the ways and means committee and likely to be put into writing within a few days.

"Secretary Blaine takes the keenest interest in this proposition. He has talked privately with members of the ways and means committee about the plan for several weeks, and he has also confidentially explained its advantages to several of the international delegates.

Just how the president is to make a tariff bill for South America by a proclamation is not stated, but of course if he can do this he can relieve congress of the whole tariff question. Mr. McKinley says in regard to this matter: 'As far as I am concerned, or as far as the committee is concerned, there is nothing in the paragraph, though of course he does not know what is contemplated by the secretary.'

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES.

Changes Wrought in Uncle Sam's Pay-Roll By Admission of New States.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The house committee on appropriations Monday completed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. It carries an aggregate appropriation of \$9,504,336, which is \$10,000 more than the last bill, and \$70,924 less than the estimate. The number of salaries provided for is 9,979, which is 264 less than the estimated number and 141 more than those provided for in the last bill. No new legislation is proposed.

INCREASING.

The Army of Striking Workmen in the Windy City.

The Number Now Estimated to Be 5,000 Thousand.

And Unless an Agreement is Soon Reached it is Thought Fully Fifty Thousand Workmen of the Various Building Trades Will Be Idle—Plumbers and Carpenters Victorious.

CHICAGO, April 10.—It is now estimated that about 7,000 men are out. In some places the bricklayers were out with the carpenters out of sympathy, and it was a common theme of conversation among them that the entire body of bricklayers would be called out unless the trouble should be settled within a week.

In any event, nearly all of the other building trades will have to stop work soon unless terms are reached between the carpenters and the bosses. In that event 50,000 men will be idle Monday. The men headed the advance guard of their leaders to keep away from the saloons, and the result was quiet and orderly gatherings at their various headquarters throughout the city.

President O'Connell, of the Carpenters' Brotherhood, said: 'The strike is not now so much for either high wages or a shorter day's labor; the whole thing resolves itself into whether or not the bosses propose to recognize the brotherhood as such, or whether they intend to continue treating with us as individuals. That is, we want the boss carpenters to sign a contract with us each year fixing the numbers of hours we shall work each day, and the amount to be received an hour. As for the forty cents an hour proposition, we are willing to arbitrate that with the boss carpenters committee at any time.'

William Goltie, president of the Builders and Traders' Exchange, said that in his opinion many of the men had been intimidated by threats and struck because of fear, but that they would be back to work again in a few days, and would receive their wages each hour. 'I think it will be at least a week before the strike is settled, and by that time all building trades will be blocked, which means that there will be between 40,000 and 50,000 idle laborers on the streets of Chicago.'

PLUMBERS VICTORIOUS.

The plumbers' strike was practically settled Tuesday afternoon as a conference between the committee of the junior plumbers and master plumbers. The condition of settlement is a compromise and provides a minimum of \$6.50 a day for all journeymen plumbers, and an increase of 35 per cent. in the wages of journeymen. The agreement was formally ratified at a joint meeting.

CIGARS GO ON WIN.

The cigar makers settled one of their gripes Monday, when the Phoenix Cigar company took back all of its old men about fifty in number, and agreed hereafter to employ none but Union men.

GLASS FACTORY FIRE.

A \$25,000 Loss to the United Glass Company, of Streator, Ill.

STREATOR, Ill., April 10.—The main glass factory building of the United Glass company, in this city, burned Monday morning. The fire is supposed to have originated either from superheated steam heating pipes or from the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the flat-topped room. The buildings burned rapidly and before the flames could be controlled the entire works of the factory buildings were destroyed. There was \$25,000 insurance on the plant, about \$15,000 of which applied on the destroyed portion. The total damage is estimated at about \$35,000.

TO PROMOTE CANADIAN IMMIGRATION.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 10.—The northwest delegates who have been here the last two weeks separated Monday, having transacted all their business. They included Hon. John Carling, minister of agriculture, and submitted several suggestions for promoting immigration to the northwest. They proposed that the government should send farmer representatives of the different nationalities settled in the northwest to the respective native countries to post their friends and acquaintances upon the advantages and possibilities of Canada and their own success in their new home. Several other propositions were made that had for their aim the development of the northwest territory.

LIQUOR BARS ABOLISHED ON VESSEL.

TORONTO, Ont., April 10.—The last session of the sixth parliament of the province of Ontario was brought to a close Monday by Lieutenant-Governor Campbell, who delivered the prorogation speech. Among the measures he referred to as receiving his cordial approval and sanction were the amendments to the general mining act and the liquor license law. The former will enable those interested in that territory, mostly Americans, to work the same already being developed to better advantage, and to proceed at once to develop those which have not yet been touched, and the latter will, among other restrictions, abolish liquor bars on all vessels.

A FIGHT TO THE BONE.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., April 10.—Sunday night, two Italians who live at Tompkins' Cove were returning home from an Easter jubilation, walking down the West Shore creek. They had a quarrel when near home, and proceeded to settle their differences by a fist fight. So interested did they become in pomeling each other that they did not bear the approach of a constable, and, now believing that the engineer did all in his power to bring the train to a standstill, his efforts were unavailing. The locomotive struck the men, killing one instantly and crushing the skull of the other.

THREE MEN MURDERED.

FORT DODGE, Iowa, April 10.—James Coleman, a farmer living near this city, was arrested Monday for fast driving. After his arrest it was discovered that he had been listening to a tower to get a physical for his driving, and he was released. When he arrived home his wife was dead.

THROUGH THE STRAIT.

ST. INAC, Mich., April 10.—The steam barge Sagers, from Cleveland, for Keokuk, arrived at 1 p. m. Monday via the north passage. She is the first boat to get through.

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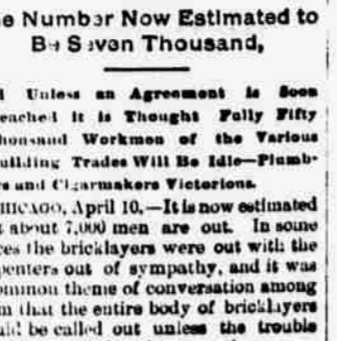
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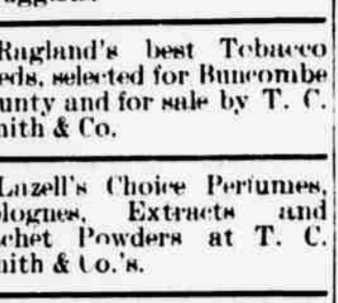
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