

COST OF CONGRESS.

CHAIRMAN SAYRES GIVES OUT THE TOTAL OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The Fifty-third Did Not Reach The Billion Mark of Its Two Predecessors.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee has made a statement of the appropriations of the three Congresses, as follows: Fifty-first, \$1,005,680, 109; Fifty-second, \$1,027,104,527; Fifty-third, \$999,338,691.

Mr. Sayres says: "The appropriations made by the Fifty-third Congress including permanent appropriations, show a reduction of \$36,675,856 under the appropriations made by the Fifty-second Congress and \$45,341,418 under those made by the Fifty-first Congress. The bills as they became laws appropriated \$16,430,480 less than the estimate, \$8,050,480 less than as they passed the House."

Mr. Sayres, making a comparison with last year, shows there is a net increase of \$5,377,320. The principal increases are: Navy, \$4,388,950; postoffice, \$2,309,598; sundry civil bills, \$12,884,584, on account of permanent appropriations, \$11,399,276. The principal decreases are: Indian Bill, \$1,685,617; pensions, \$14,200,000; river and harbors, no bill this session, \$11,643,180; deficiencies, \$2,072,204.

Discussing the appropriations, he says: "Notwithstanding the considerable reduction in the total appropriations with the last session, under those of both preceding Congresses, it will be noticed that appropriations for deficiencies are less than last session, a result which is to the credit of the present Administration. Wasteful and extravagant methods in administration have heretofore made large deficiencies in annual appropriations to be provided for by Congress. The sum charged under permanent appropriations includes \$3,771,596 to pay interest on the public debt, including Pacific railroads, and \$47,258 to meet the requirements of the sinking fund."

The present Congress has authorized no contracts for river and harbor works, though it has had to provide nearly \$20,000,000 to meet contracts authorized by the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses.

DIVORCE.

OF THREE MARRIED SISTERS ALL ARE NOW GRASS-WIDOWS.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt Gets an Absolute Decree From Her Millionaire Husband.

NEW YORK, March.—Judge Barrett has granted an absolute divorce to Mrs. Alva E. Vanderbilt from Wm. K. Vanderbilt. Society is agog, and the divorce and Gould's wedding are furnishing two choice morsels of gossip.

The differences between the Vanderbilts first became public last July, when they were cruising with a gay party on the Vanderbilt yacht. Among the party was Oliver Perry Belmont, a leader in New York society for some years, and who had frequently been seen with Mrs. Vanderbilt. Something occurred on that cruise, for Mr. Vanderbilt ran the yacht ashore at least two months before the trip should have terminated, and his guests were left to make their way home from Europe as best they could. Mrs. Vanderbilt came back to New York and Mr. Vanderbilt went to Paris, where he opened his heart and his purse to one of the most notorious women of the demi-monde in Paris. His conduct with this woman became the talk of Paris and New York. Then it was said the Vanderbilts had separated finally, and that Mr. Vanderbilt was leading that life in Paris to give his wife grounds for divorce from him in order that he would not be forced to bring charges against her. As far as was known before to day's announcement, no divorce suit was brought, the couple simply agreeing upon a separation. The terms of the agreement were even published. Mrs. Vanderbilt was to have the Newport palace that cost \$2,500,000; the Newport residence; an allowance of \$500,000 per year, and the children six months in the year.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, with her handsome dark-eyed daughter, Consuelo, has been taking a more active interest in New York society affairs than for many seasons past, while her husband was pleasuring abroad. Right here fit might be mentioned that quite recently Mr. Vanderbilt cherished the ambition that Miss Consuelo would one day wed the young Duke of Manchester. His mother, the Duchess of Manchester, is a sister of Fernando Yznaga, whose first wife was a sister of Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt. Of course, Mrs. Willie K. sided with her sister in the divorce proceedings against Yznaga, and whether her family animosity extends to the Duchess of Manchester is a question.

Mrs. Vanderbilt has still another sister who has figured in the divorce courts. She was Miss Julia Smith, and is now the Countess de Fontilleat.

There is one more sister in the Smith family—Miss Mimi—but she is unmarried, and lives most of the time with Mrs. Willie K. Thus out of four sisters the three who married have been divorced.

GENERAL NEWS.

Hayward was found guilty.

Tom Watkins was hanged at Little Rock for the murder of T. W. O'Bannon.

If President Cleveland's aim is good he'll be able to send back many a duck from Paullico Bay.

Warrants on the criminal libel charge against Charles A. Dana have been served in New York.

The rumor in London that a receivership for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is a possibility is denied by the company's officers.

Several street fights have grown out of the charges that boodle was responsible for the re-election of United States Senator Shoup, in Idaho.

Oscar Roth, suffering from an incurable disease, committed suicide in New York in order that those who nursed him might get his life insurance.

The Spanish Chamber of Deputies has adopted a resolution giving the Government unlimited credit for the suppression of the revolt in Cuba.

The practice of stealing bills in the Indiana Legislature is getting common. Another has mysteriously passed from the keeping of the Engrossing Clerk.

A woman and baby were killed by the wreck of the Florida express at Scotland, Ga. Many others were hurt in the disaster, which was the deliberate work of felons.

Hayti has a revolution on hand, with an empty treasury, no credit for a loan, the Minister of War in the ranks of the rebels and exiles pouring back into the island as fast as possible.

Capt. Howgate is unable to furnish the \$30,000 required as bail and has gone back to the Washington jail. His trial on the remaining charges will not be had for three months.

The Government would do well to go into the coal business. It has just made \$50,000 by supplying the West India fleet with fuel from the Kanawha valley, instead of from Pennsylvania.

Count Jean Edward d'Hulby, of Rome, and Francesca Menti, the Boston beauty, were married in New York. He is rich and as her face was her fortune, Cupid was the best man at the wedding.

While indictments for criminal libel are pending against Chas. A. Dana, editor, and Wm. M. Laffan, publisher of the New York Sun, it won't do to say it is no Laffan matter, though the editor was the real culprit.

The Special House Committee on the agricultural depression, finds the unsatisfactory condition of the farmers due to the demonetization of silver, the McKinley tariff, gambling in futures and the adulteration of food.

There is an effort to nullify the income tax law by showing its unconstitutionality in the feature of class legislation. In this view all laws authorizing taxes are unconstitutional, for they can only affect classes. The man who has nothing can pay nothing.

A few months ago the Manufacturers' Record suggested to the Withington & Cooley Manufacturing Co., of Jackson Mich., that it would do well to consider the question of establishing a factory in the South for the manufacture of farm and garden tools. This company has now purchased for \$15,000 a large factory at Nashville Tenn. The Nashville establishment will be under the management of Mr. Thomas H. Russell, treasurer of the company. It will employ about seventy-five hands at the start. The Withington & Cooley Company has a paid up capital of \$200,000, and is reported by the commercial agencies with the highest rating. It is a very large manufacturer of hoes, rakes and other farming tools. The movement South of this concern is but another illustration of the southward trend of industrial interests.—[Lincolnton Courier.]

The Massachusetts Legislature.

The committee appointed by the Massachusetts Legislature to come South to investigate the condition of manufactures left Washington Saturday. The committee went via the Seaboard Air Line to Atlanta. No plans have as yet been formed. The committee consisted of three State Senators and seven delegates, one of whom is a colored man. It is supposed that the latter member was put on the committee for the purpose of helping to get data as to the cost of labor and other information from the colored people of the South. This trip of investigation was brought about by the newspaper agitation about New England mills moving South. The Massachusetts Legislature professes to be concerned about the matter and sent this committee to find out the real facts about Southern competition.—Charlotte Observer.

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