

By Mr. BROWNLOW: A bill (H. R. 5423) for the relief of William M. Henry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. KING: A bill (H. R. 5424) granting a pension to William M. Ferry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. ADAMS: Petition of the Trades League of Philadelphia, Pa., in favor of reciprocity with Canada—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BARLOW: Papers to accompany House bill for the relief of Hannah C. Pile—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BINGHAM: Resolutions of the Trades League of Philadelphia, Pa., favoring closer trade relations with Canada—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. CURTIS of Iowa: Protest of 175 citizens of Davenport, Iowa, against legislation to further restrict immigration—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. DALZELL: Resolutions of the Trades League of Philadelphia, favoring reciprocity with Canada—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, resolutions of the Merchants' Association of New York, in favor of a proposed antiscaling bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, resolutions of the A. C. Harmer Republican Campaign Club, in opposition to the civil-service law—to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

Also, petition and statements to accompany bill for the relief of A. C. Litchfield—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. EDDY: Resolution of the St. Paul (Minn.) Chamber of Commerce, relating to the education of the Chippewa Indians—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Also, resolution of Columbia Typographical Union, against the passage of House bill No. 30, relating to railroad-ticket brokerage—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. EVANS: Petition of Mary Ryan, widow of James Ryan, to accompany House bill for her relief—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KING: Paper to accompany House bill for the relief of William M. Ferry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LESTER: Sundry petitions of G. Fantrin and 19 others, W. O. Wimpy and 19 others, L. Krouskoff and 19 others, Dr. M. Schwab and 19 others, S. Balsinger and 19 others, J. F. Harney and 19 others, W. J. Farrell and 19 others, A. Fishley and 19 others, L. W. Clark and 19 others, P. T. Foye and 19 others, H. Oppenheimer and 19 others, Charles Garfunkel and 19 others, B. J. Apple and 19 others, M. Wilensky and 19 others, H. Livingston and 19 others, E. J. Harlan and 19 others, E. Moyle and 19 others, J. E. Henderson and 19 others, T. W. West and 19 others, J. B. Deil and 19 others, F. Leidermuth and 19 others, V. S. Phillips and 19 others, H. Brown and 19 others, J. W. Carter and 19 others, M. Steinberg and 19 others, A. J. Nichols and 19 others, S. Brown and 19 others, W. Fult and 19 others, F. W. Flanlacker and 19 others, S. Cowley and 52 others, J. Gaggenheimer and 51 others, Charles Brooks and 52 others, B. Dub and 52 others, Henry Bauer and 4 others, Geil & Quint and 19 others, Lindsay & Morgan and 19 others, the Retail Clerks' Protective Association of Savannah, all citizens of the State of Georgia, in opposition to the so-called antiscaling bill or any similar measure—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. MANN: Resolutions of the Architectural Iron Workers' and sundry other labor unions of Chicago, Ill., in favor of postal savings banks—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, petition of Conrad Seipp Brewing Company, Independent Brewing Company, and various other brewing companies of Chicago, Ill., for abolishing the use of one-sixth and one-eighth kegs, and also asking for a commission to look into the adulteration of malt liquors—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, sundry petitions of James Channon and 142 others, A. D. Munro and 19 others, B. W. Gunport and 19 others, H. L. Newhant and 19 others, J. E. Pettibone and 19 others, H. Lamon and 19 others, A. R. Jetner and 19 others, W. Dilly and 19 others, B. E. La Dow and 19 others, W. Schutz and 19 others, W. Jack and 19 others, E. Johnson and 19 others, S. Friedman and 19 others, W. S. Wemple and 19 others, A. L. Logan and 19 others, H. Lamer and 19 others, J. Decker and 19 others, H. A. Hern and 19 others, C. Ritter and 19 others, C. Seigers and 19 others, A. Johnson and 19 others, Samuel S. Dutcher and 19 others, A. I. Felsluthal and 18 others, E. Hauseman and 18 others, John T. Shay and 19 others, J. A. Vrooman and 51 others, E. H. Brown and 52 others, John M. Bryan and 51 others, C. A. Davis and 52 others, Richard L. Cressey and 52 others, J. Elletson and 52 others, W. T. Underwood and 51 others, all citizens of the State of Illinois, in opposition to the so-called anti-scalping bill or any similar measure—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. MIERS of Indiana: Paper to accompany House bill for the relief of Stephen W. Garrison—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. NORTON of Ohio: Paper to accompany House bill for the relief of Henry Alstaetter and others, of Company K, Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. POWERS: Petition of citizens of Brandon, Vt., praying that a pension be granted to Peter Naylor—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RIXEY (by request): Petition of L. D. Winston, of Winston, Va., in relation to the establishment of State banks—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. STEELE: Paper to accompany House bill for the relief of Sarah Ann Groves—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. TERRY: Petition of certain citizens of Logan County, Ark., for increase of pension to Clark Tritt, soldier in the Mexican and Indian wars, together with papers in support of petition—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, petition of Rev. J. F. Neal and Rev. J. A. Myers, of Washington, D. C., favoring the passage of House bill No. 4057, in relation to cigarettes—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WEAVER: Resolution of John M. Bell Post, No. 119, Washington Court House, Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Ohio, in reference to Cuba—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WHEELER of Alabama: Papers relating to the claim of James T. Dowdy—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, papers relating to the claim of John C. Thomas—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. YOUNG of Pennsylvania: Petition of the board of managers of the Trades League of Philadelphia, favoring reciprocity with Canada—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ZENOR: Papers to accompany House bill No. 5112, for the relief of Hugh Kelley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, December 18, 1897.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings, when, on motion of Mr. HAWLEY and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. BROWNING, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 5173) authorizing the Secretary of War, in his discretion, to purchase subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of the people who are in the Yukon River country, to provide means for their transportation and distribution, and making an appropriation therefor; agreed to the conference asked for by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and had appointed Mr. CANNON, Mr. NORTHWAY, and Mr. SAYERS managers at the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bill and joint resolution; in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

A bill (H. R. 4847) for the relief of Judson Jones; and

A joint resolution (H. Res. 106) extending limit of cost of the Government building or buildings at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, Nebr., and reducing cost of Government exhibit.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was read:

To the Senate:

I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of State relating to the nature and practical workings of the postal telegraph, telephones, and postal savings banks of foreign countries, with accompanying papers, requested by the resolution of the Senate of July 12, 1897.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

Washington, December 18, 1897.

The message was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and ordered to be printed; and the accompanying papers were referred to the Committee on Printing.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO FUR SEALS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was read, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, in answer to the resolution of the Senate of May 25, 1897, a report from the Secretary of State, accompanied by copies of correspondence of record in the Department of State touching the protection of fur seals in Bering Sea and the North Pacific Ocean.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

Washington, December 18, 1897.

EMPLOYEES IN TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury (in response to a resolution of the 16th instant, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish certain information as to supernumerary employees of that Department, and also whether any employees have been retired from active service and are drawing pay or compensation from the Government), stating that there are no supernumerary employees in the Treasury Department or any of its several bureaus or branches, and that there are no persons in the service who have been retired from active service and are drawing pay or compensation from the Government except officers in the Revenue-Cutter Service, which was provided for by law under the act approved March 2, 1895; which was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed.

HYDROGRAPHIC CHARTS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 13th instant, 100 copies each of two charts recently prepared in the Bureau of Hydrography, and lithographed, showing the sailing routes of steam vessels of heavy burden on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the locations of their coasts and the islands in those oceans; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

PROPOSED AGREEMENTS WITH INDIAN TRIBES.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, in compliance with the provisions of the sixteenth section of the Indian appropriation act of March 3, 1893, an agreement between the commissioners of the United States to negotiate with the Five Civilized Tribes and the commission on the part of the Muskogee or Creek Nation, concluded on the 27th day of September, 1897, also the reports of the Indian Office thereon, together with further information that has been reported to the Department by Hon. Tams Bixby, acting chairman of the commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, in a telegraphic dispatch that the council of the Muskogee-Creek Nation has rejected the agreement; which, with the accompanying papers, was, on motion of Mr. BERRY, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

REVENUE CUTTERS OFF THE FLORIDA COAST.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 16th instant, a statement showing what revenue cutters of the United States since March 4, 1897, have been maintained off the coast of Florida, or in waters contiguous, to thwart attempts to violate the neutrality laws; also what vessels have been captured while engaged in violation or alleged violation of neutrality laws; the names and details concerning such vessels so captured, etc.; which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED.

The bill (H. R. 4847) for the relief of Judson Jones was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Patents.

EXPOSITION IN 1898 AT OMAHA, NEBR.

The joint resolution (H. Res. 106) extending limit of cost of the Government building or buildings at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, Nebr., and reducing cost of Government exhibit was read the first time by its title.

Mr. ALLEN. I ask that the Senate concur with the House and put the joint resolution on its passage. It does not increase the cost to the Government, but simply diverts for the completion of the building a portion of the \$150,000 that was assigned to make an exhibit. The plan of the building was a little too large for the appropriation, and the joint resolution simply transfers a portion of it.

Mr. ALLISON. Let the joint resolution be read at length.

The joint resolution was read the second time at length, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, etc. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be constructed and completed, at an additional cost not to exceed \$10,000, the Government building at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, Nebr., as shown and called for by the plans, drawings, and specifications on which bids were taken for its erection, etc.; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, further authorized and directed to cause to be erected at said exposition a building for an exhibit of the United States Life-Saving Service, at a cost not to exceed for said building the sum of \$2,500; and to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to give effect to and execute the provisions of this act the limit of cost of the Government building or buildings authorized to be erected at said exposition is hereby extended from \$50,000 to \$62,500; and the cost of the Government exhibit at said exposition is hereby reduced from \$150,000 to \$137,500.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the present consideration of the joint resolution?

There being no objection, the joint resolution was considered as in Committee of the Whole.

The joint resolution was reported to the Senate without amendment, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. MITCHELL presented a petition of the Wisconsin Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America, praying for the enactment of legislation to establish a national military park to commemorate the campaign, siege, and defense of Vicksburg; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. McMILLAN. I present a memorial of the Columbia Historical Society of the District of Columbia, relative to the names of streets in the District. I move that the memorial be printed as a document and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. QUAY. I present a petition of a large number of men and women of the Seneca Nation of Indians, in New York, favoring legislation for the distribution of moneys received from leases of lands belonging to that tribe. I move that the petition be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. QUAY. I present, in behalf of my colleague [Mr. PENROSE], who is necessarily absent, resolutions passed by the Board of Trade of Philadelphia, Pa., recognizing the wisdom of the action of the Government in planning for the increase of the heavy artillery branch of the service. I move that the resolutions be referred to the Committee on Coast Defenses.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. CULLOM. I present a series of resolutions adopted by the Kansas City Transportation Bureau, an organization representing the commercial and manufacturing interests of Kansas City, opposing a division of freights and railway pooling. I move that the resolutions be referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. FRYE presented a petition of the Board of Trade of Portland, Me., praying that an examination be made of the Portland Harbor, with a view to the establishment of a naval dry dock at that port; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. ALLEN presented the affidavits of Dr. A. E. Scofield, John Crook, R. E. Rouse, S. W. Deud, and Charles Evans, citizens of Nebraska, in support of Senate bill No. 78, to pension Hiram Damon; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. COCKRELL. I present a petition of the Sunday School Convention of Kingsville, Mo., praying for the passage of a bill to protect State anticigarette laws by providing that cigarettes imported in original packages on entering any State shall become subject to its laws. I move that the petition be referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

The motion was agreed to.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. HALE, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1212) for the relief of Paymaster James E. Tolfree, United States Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report thereon.

He also, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1213) for the relief of Pay Clerk Charles Blake, United States Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report thereon.

He also, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1316) to provide for organizing a naval battalion in the District of Columbia, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report thereon.

REPORT OF EXPEDITION TO ALASKA.

Mr. LODGE. I am directed by the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution submitted by the Senator from Washington [Mr. WILSON] on the 13th instant, to report it with an amendment, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The Senate, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution, which was read, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That there be printed 5,000 copies of Senate Executive Document 123, second session, Forty-ninth Congress, entitled "Report of an expedition to the Copper, Tanana, and Koyukuk rivers, in the Territory of Alaska," 1,500 copies to be for the use of the Senate, 3,500 copies to be for the use of the House of Representatives.

The amendment of the Committee on Printing was to add at the end of the resolution "and 500 copies for distribution by the Secretary of the Interior."

Mr. COCKRELL. Now let the resolution be read as proposed to be amended.

The Secretary read the resolution and the amendment.

Mr. COCKRELL. In other words, it is proposed to print 5,000 copies and distribute 5,500. I move to strike out "five hundred" after "three thousand," so as to give the House of Representatives 3,000 copies. Then we shall have the right number, I think.

Mr. LODGE. To make it uniform, of course, the amendment ought also to increase the number to 5,500.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The amendment proposed by the Senator from Missouri will be stated.

The SECRETARY. In line 7 strike out the words "five hundred;" so as to read "3,000 copies to be for the use of the House of Representatives."

Mr. COCKRELL. Let us observe the rule we adopted years ago. Let the number be 3,000 for the House, 1,500 for the Senate, and 500 for the Secretary of the Interior. That makes 5,000 copies.

The amendment was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution as amended was agreed to.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. WELLINGTON introduced a bill (S. 2882) for the relief of James S. Crawford; which was read twice by its title, and, with the accompanying paper, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. McMILLAN introduced a bill (S. 2883) to secure uniformity in the names of the streets and roads in the District of Columbia; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2884) relating to the names of streets in the District of Columbia; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2885) to amend the charter of the Capital Traction Company; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2886) to increase the pension of Thaddeus M. Joy; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. HALE introduced a bill (S. 2887) to commission chief engineers in the United States Navy, and to provide for their examination preliminary to promotion to the grade of chief engineer with the relative rank of commander and captain, respectively; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. QUAY introduced a bill (S. 2888) to regulate the collection and disbursement of moneys arising from leases made by the Seneca Nation of New York Indians, and for other purposes; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2889) for the relief of A. G. White, postmaster at Beaver, Pa.; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2890) for the relief of David B. Zorger and H. C. Fitzgerald; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

He also introduced the following bills; which were severally read twice by their titles, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

A bill (S. 2891) to correct the military record of Eugene Hudson (with an accompanying paper);

A bill (S. 2892) to correct the military record of David Sides;

A bill (S. 2893) to correct the military record of John P. Leitzel; and

A bill (S. 2894) to correct the military record of Henry Dimler.

Mr. WETMORE introduced a bill (S. 2895) for the relief of Jeremiah McCarthy and Bartholomew Shea, and for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Patrick J. Sullivan and John B. Dillon; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. GEAR introduced the following bills; which were severally read twice by their titles, and referred to the Committee on Pensions:

A bill (S. 2896) granting a pension to Daniel M. Shepherd (with accompanying papers);

A bill (S. 2897) granting a pension to Elvina F. Hayes (with accompanying papers); and

A bill (S. 2898) granting a pension to R. A. Schellhaus (with accompanying papers).

Mr. PERKINS introduced a bill (S. 2899) granting a pension to Benjamin F. Howland; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. BAKER introduced a bill (S. 2900) to remove the bar of the statute of limitation and give the right of appeal in certain cases; which was read twice by its title, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

He also introduced the following bills; which were severally read twice by their titles, and referred to the Committee on Pensions:

A bill (S. 2901) granting a pension to I. A. Weller, of Leavenworth, Kans. (with an accompanying paper);

A bill (S. 2902) granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Arnett (with accompanying papers); and

A bill (S. 2903) granting an increase of pension to William F. Cloud, of Kansas City, Mo. (with accompanying papers).

Mr. COCKRELL introduced the following bills; which were severally read twice by their titles, and referred to the Committee on Public Health and National Quarantine:

A bill (S. 2904) for the investigation of leprosy;

A bill (S. 2905) for the investigation of pollution of water supplies; and

A bill (S. 2906) for the purchase of a site and the erection of building for the hygienic laboratory of the Marine-Hospital Service.

Mr. SMITH introduced a bill (S. 2907) granting a pension to Mrs. Mary E. Lacey (formerly Roby), late a hospital nurse in the United States Army; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. CHILTON introduced a bill (S. 2908) granting a pension to G. H. Giddings; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. WHITE introduced a bill (S. 2909) to amend section 3221 of the Revised Statutes, with reference to the abatement, in certain cases, of taxes on spirits; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2910) granting a pension to Samuel M. Doolittle; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. PETTIGREW introduced a bill (S. 2911) to aid the public-land States to support schools of mines; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2912) granting an increase of pension to Sparhawk Hutchins; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. DANIEL introduced a bill (S. 2913) to erect monuments in honor of Gen. Joseph Warren in the city of Boston, Mass., and in honor of Gen. Hugh Mercer in the city of Fredericksburg, Va., as provided for in the resolution of the Continental Congress of April 8, 1777; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

He also (by request) introduced a bill (S. 2914) for the relief of the estate of Dennis O'Dea, deceased, late of Richmond, Va.; which was read twice by its title, and, with the accompanying paper, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. BURROWS introduced a bill (S. 2915) for the relief of the owner or owners of the schooner *Bergen*; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2916) relating to the Washington, Woodside and Forest Glen Railway and Power Company, of Montgomery County, Md.; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. CHANDLER introduced a bill (S. 2917) fixing the salary of the postmaster at Washington, D. C.; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. BAKER introduced a bill (S. 2918) granting a pension to Frederick Weller; which was read twice by its title, and, with the accompanying paper, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. HALE introduced a joint resolution (S. R. 76) providing for the restoration to the Navy of graduates of the Naval Academy discharged in pursuance of the act of August 5, 1882; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. CHANDLER (for Mr. TILLMAN) introduced a joint resolution (S. R. 77) to authorize the President to appoint as an assistant engineer in the Navy ex-Naval Cadet T. D. Parker; which was read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Mr. LODGE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the legislative appropriation bill; which was referred to the Committee on Printing, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. QUAY. I submit an amendment intended to be proposed by me to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, the amendment providing for secretary of legation at the Swiss mission and a consulate in the Island of Formosa. I move that the amendment be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and printed.

The motion was agreed to.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Mr. CULLOM submitted the following resolutions; which were considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the heads of the several Executive Departments, respectively, be directed to inform the Senate what appointive positions, if any, in their respective Departments should, in their opinion, be excepted from the operation of the laws governing the civil service or the rules established by the Civil Service Commission.

Resolved, That the said heads of the several Executive Departments, respectively, be directed to inform the Senate what changes or amendments to the present civil-service rules seem to be desirable, as indicated by their experience.

STATUS OF FREEDMEN IN CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. I desire to have a resolution passed calling for some information which it seems necessary to have before Congress shall assemble after the holiday recess.

The resolution was read, considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, directed to report to the Senate, as early as practicable, the present status in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Indian Territory, of the freedmen—former slaves and their descendants—of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians; also his suggestions and recommendations, with those of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as to the further legislation by Congress, if any, deemed necessary to properly adjust and establish their status in either of said nations, and to settle their just and equitable claims arising under and growing out of the stipulations of the treaty of 1866 by the United States with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and the failure heretofore of the fulfillment thereof.

RAILWAY AND STEAMSHIP MAIL CONTRACTS.

Mr. ALLEN submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, directed to inform the Senate of all railway and steamship mail contracts made with the United States and now in force, the name of the persons or companies with whom made, the services to be performed, and the sum to be paid by the United States therefor.

HARRY K. SPRING AND CHARLES W. NELSON.

Mr. WHITE submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested, if not, in his opinion, incompatible with the public interests, to inform the Senate what action, if any, has been taken looking to the release of Harry K. Spring and Charles W. Nelson, citizens of the United States and residents of the State of California, who are now under arrest in the Republic of Colombia, and also to transmit to the Senate the correspondence, if any, in said matter.

HYDROGRAPHIC CHARTS.

On motion of Mr. MORGAN, it was

Ordered, That one copy each of Hydrographic Charts Nos. 1262 and 1682, sent in by the Secretary of the Navy, be distributed to Senators by the superintendent of the document room.

MESSAGES RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Mr. MORGAN. I ask for the adoption of the following order:

Ordered, That there be printed, under one cover, for the use of the Senate, the messages of the Presidents relating to Hawaiian affairs, which are set forth in Appendix II to House Executive Document No. 1, part 1, Fifty-third Congress, third session, from page 1151 to page 1397 of said document, both inclusive.

Mr. HALE. Should not that go to the Committee on Printing?

Mr. MORGAN. No; it is not necessary that it should go to the Committee on Printing. It is a reprint of a matter that has heretofore been printed, but in such a cumbersome form and so disconnected that it would be very inconvenient for Senators to use it. It contains the messages of President Cleveland in reference to Hawaii.

Mr. HALE. Is it a little matter that will not cost \$500? All orders to print where the cost exceeds \$500 ought of course to go to the committee.

Mr. MORGAN. It will not cost \$500.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Chair hears no objection, and the question is on the adoption of the order.

The order was agreed to.

STEREOTYPE OF RAMIE DOCUMENTS.

Mr. CHANDLER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That the Public Printer be authorized to allow Mr. S. H. Slaughter to have the stereotype of his ramie documents, Nos. 47 and 57, Fifty-fourth Congress, second session, and the articles published on the ramie industry by the Government in the September (1897) number of the American Republics Bulletin, to be used in his work for the promotion of the ramie industry.

BERNARD CAMPBELL.

Mr. KYLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit to the Senate at an early day all papers and correspondence with the Haitian Government relating to the claim of Bernard Campbell.

CAPT. ISAAC D. TOLL AND HENRY WILSON.

Mr. BURROWS. I desire to enter a motion to reconsider the votes by which the Senate passed the bill (S. 959) to increase the pension of Capt. Isaac D. Toll and the bill (S. 1453) granting an increase of pension to Henry Wilson.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The motion to reconsider will be entered.

BENJAMIN L. NOLAN.

Mr. LODGE. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill (S. 2807) granting a pension to Benjamin L. Nolan.

Mr. HALE. I will not object to this bill, as the Senator from Massachusetts says it will take no time, but there is a large number of nominations that have come in from the President which ought to be referred to-day, and some cases that probably ought to be acted upon. With the knowledge of a speedy adjournment Senators are leaving the Chamber, and I am afraid we shall find ourselves without a quorum if we do not transact the executive business at once. But I shall not object to this bill.

Mr. HAWLEY. I wish to make a suggestion relative to the Senator's remark regarding an early adjournment. I am hoping every moment to hear that the House has adopted the report of the conference committee on the Klondike measure, and I trust the Senate may not adjourn leaving that half finished.

Mr. HALE. We can settle that at any time after we go into executive session.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill indicated by the Senator from Massachusetts?

There being no objection, the Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the bill. It proposes to place upon the pension roll the name of Benjamin L. Nolan, late a private in Company D, Eighth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and Troop G, Third United States Cavalry, and to pay him a pension of \$12 per month.

The bill was reported to the Senate without amendment, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. HALE. I move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business. After seven minutes spent in executive session the doors were reopened.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. BROWNING, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 5173) authorizing the Secretary of War, in his discretion, to purchase subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country, to provide means for their transportation and distribution, and making an appropriation therefor.

The message also announced that the House had passed a bill (H. R. 4769) to amend an act granting to the Gila Valley, Globe and Northern Railway Company a right of way through the San Carlos Indian Reservation, in Arizona; in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

The message also announced that the Speaker of the House had signed the enrolled bill (S. 2612) prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the waters of the North Pacific Ocean; and it was thereupon signed by the Vice-President.

RELIEF OF SUFFERERS IN THE VALLEY OF THE YUKON.

Mr. HAWLEY. I present the report of the committee of conference of the two Houses upon House bill 5173, which I ask to have read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CHANDLER in the chair). The Secretary will read the report of the conference committee.

The Secretary read as follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 5173) authorizing the Secretary of War, in his discretion, to purchase subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country, to provide means for their transportation and distribution, and making an appropriation therefor, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said Senate amendment insert the following:

"That the sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in the discretion and under the direction of the Secretary of War, for the purchase of subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country or other mining regions of Alaska, and to purchase transportation and provide means for the distribution of such stores and supplies: *Provided*, That with the consent of the Canadian Government first obtained, the Secretary of War may cause the relief herein provided for to be extended into Canadian territory. That the said subsistence stores, supplies, and materials may be sold in said country at such prices as shall be fixed by the Secretary of War, or donated where he finds people in need and unable to pay for the same. That the Secretary of War is authorized to use the Army of the United States in carrying into effect the provisions of this act, and may, in his discretion, purchase and import reindeer and employ and bring into the country reindeer drivers or herdsmen not citizens of the United States, or provide such other means of transportation as he may deem practicable. The said reindeer or other outfit may be sold and disposed of by the Secretary of War when he shall have no further use for them under the provisions of this act, or he may turn over the same or any part thereof to the Department of the Interior, and the proceeds arising from all sales herein authorized shall be covered into the Treasury.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of War shall make report in detail to Congress at the beginning of its next regular session as to all purchases, employments, sales, and donations or transfers made under the provisions of this act."

And the Senate agree to the same.

JOS. R. HAWLEY,
THOS. H. CARTER,
F. M. COCKRELL,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
J. G. CANNON,
S. A. NORTHWAY,
JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Managers on the part of the House.

Mr. HAWLEY. I desire to say something in regard to the report. The report as agreed to by the conferees is substantially the same as the bill passed by the Senate, with one exception, and that is, we could not get the conferees of the House of Representatives to agree to the provision inserted by the Senate, "and such other supplies as may be contributed by the citizens of Oregon and others." The people of Oregon have accumulated 100 tons of what they consider suitable supplies, and offer to give them if the Government will take them and carry them up to the points where needed; but the conferees on the part of the House objected strenuously to anything in the nature of that kind of charity. We saw no objection in the world to it, because the Secretary of War could take all of such provisions, or such portion of them as would be most suitable and most easily transported, and could have taken his choice. It would have been, in our judgment, something of a saving. I see no impropriety in accepting gifts of that kind, for certainly, if the citizens of Oregon are really anxious to have those provisions distributed to the sufferers, and the Secretary of War goes into the market to purchase provisions on competitive bids, they can offer to sell him all theirs for a cent a pound. But rather than have any further dispute about the matter, as the substantial usefulness of the bill is retained, I move the adoption of the conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on concurring in the report of the conference committee.

Mr. BACON. Mr. President, it is not my purpose to antagonize the conference report, but it does seem to me that something ought to be said to indicate that it is not the purpose of the Government of the United States to make this a chronic contribution. It is a very grave question as to how far the Government ought to go in relieving distress of this kind. Such action has heretofore been in a large measure, if not exclusively, confined to cases where there has been public calamity of some kind growing out of floods or famine or something of kindred character. This is not of that character. True, it may be termed to be an emergency growing out of the rush of a great number of people to an unknown country without proper anticipation of the hardships to which they would be subjected, and in that view this may possibly be of a kindred character to those cases where suffering is caused by some providential calamity. But the same condition of affairs which exists to-day in that region is one that may exist twelve months from to-day, and probably in greater degree, and while it is not my purpose to antagonize the present appropriation in any way, I desire that it be put upon record that there will be some at least who will not recognize the propriety of a repetition of this charity for those who voluntarily may subject themselves to such hardships and dangers.

Mr. HAWLEY. The application of the Senator's remarks, or a portion of them, would be something like this: He would wait until those people had starved before he would send them food. We should prevent such a calamity.

Mr. BACON. The Senator from Connecticut certainly did not understand my remarks.

Mr. HAWLEY. I mean that would be the effect of them.

Mr. BACON. Mr. President, I am not antagonizing the present appropriation, but desire, in connection with the making of that appropriation, that it should be put on record that there will not be unanimous consent hereafter to a repetition of this charity, because the parties are now on notice. They may heretofore not have known that they would be subjected to these dangers, and it may be in consequence proper that we should go to their relief; but this is not to be the case in the future, because hereafter those who go to that country will know the fact that they are going to a climate where they will be exposed to death from the inclemency of the weather unless they have proper clothing and where they will be in danger of starvation for the want of proper food. Therefore they must not go there hereafter with the expectation that the United States Government is to be a perpetual almoner for the purpose of relieving the distresses of those who voluntarily place themselves in such a position. What I say does not apply to the present condition of those who are now sought to be benefited.

Mr. HAWLEY. It would be quite useless, I should say, for the United States Senate to give informal notice to American citizens that they should not be in a certain place at a certain time. They are going up there if the development of gold continues, and, obviously, we may expect that before the return of another season the enterprise of those who are so deeply interested under these extraordinary temptations will lead to a better means of communication, and that no such emergency will again arise.

Mr. BACON. We can not be altogether sure of that.

Mr. WILSON. Mr. President, I think a word might be said in regard to this appropriation. Last summer, when the great rush to the Klondike occurred, everybody was warned by the newspapers in my section relative to the taking in of supplies, and every effort was made to get supplies into that country by the two great transportation companies; but owing to an unforeseen thing,

namely, the drought in that country, the Yukon River was lower last year than ever before known by anyone who had been in that region.

Food supplies are now scattered all along the river from 50 miles from its mouth to 200 miles, 400 miles, 800 miles, and 1,400 miles. When they reached that distance they were unable to get any farther owing to low water. The transportation companies and the people interested in sending supplies into that country have made every effort to get supplies there. There are thousands and thousands of tons of food supplies along the Yukon River now. There are probably 10,000 tons at Skaguay; but it has been impossible to get them into that country owing to the peculiar climatic conditions and the lateness of the season. I think the Senator will not find that the same conditions will prevail next year. Food will be gotten in there in abundance; and I do not think any appropriation will ever be called for again. That is my judgment.

Mr. BACON. Mr. President, I do not wish to be misunderstood with reference to this matter. I have endeavored as plainly as I could to disclaim any opposition to the present appropriation, but I did think that, if there was nothing said upon the subject and this appropriation were made, vast numbers of people might in the coming season go there with the anticipation that it was not necessary that they should make provision for their sustenance, but that the United States Government stood ready to take care of them if they also should fall in need as the people now there are in need. While the next season may present a condition of affairs where it may be proper for us to make an appropriation, I think it is well for the public to be upon notice that it is not recognized by the United States Government as something to be done by them unless the peculiar circumstances of the case will warrant it. That was the sole purpose I had in making any statement in reference to the matter.

Mr. WILSON. I will say to the Senator that I think it ought to be known that now, at Old Fort Yukon, within 450 miles of Dawson City, there are probably 2,000 tons of food which has reached that point, but which it is impossible to get over the shoals of the river Yukon. So that everything possible thus far has been done. The people who went in there did not carry a year's supply of provisions, thinking such supplies would come up the river. They have been disappointed owing to the inability of the transportation companies, on account of low water, to get there. That has produced peculiar conditions in that section this year which I suppose will not occur at another time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on concurring in the report of the conference committee.

The report was concurred in.

GILA VALLEY, GLOBE AND NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. STEWART. I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate the bill from the House of Representatives granting a right of way through the San Carlos Indian Reservation, in Arizona, with a view to its present consideration.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the bill indicated, which will be read at length.

The bill (H. R. 4769) to amend an act granting to the Gila Valley, Globe and Northern Railway Company a right of way through the San Carlos Indian Reservation, in Arizona, was read the first time by its title and the second time at length, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 5 of the act entitled "An act granting to the Gila Valley, Globe and Northern Railway Company a right of way through the San Carlos Indian Reservation, in the Territory of Arizona," approved February 18, 1895, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that said section shall read as follows:

"Sec. 5. That the right herein granted shall be forfeited by said company unless the road be constructed through the said reservation within two years after the passage of this act."

Mr. STEWART. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill.

There being no objection, the Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the bill.

The bill was reported to the Senate without amendment, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

REPORT OF JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOL IN THE ARTS.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut. I desire to ask for an order to print 1,000 extra copies of the report proper of the Joint Select Committee on Alcohol, which was presented yesterday, not to include the testimony, but merely the report, with the views of the separate members of the committee. It will be a very small expense, as the whole matter is stereotyped. The report, when it comes in, will be connected with a mass of testimony, and I desire to have 1,000 extra copies of the report itself printed.

There being no objection, the order was agreed to, as follows:

Ordered, That 1,000 additional copies of Report 411 of the Joint Select Committee on the Use of Alcohol in Manufactures and the Arts, including the views of individual members, be printed without the testimony for the use of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. BROWNING, its Chief Clerk, announced that the Speaker of the House had signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution; and they were thereupon signed by the Vice-President:

A bill (H. R. 5173) authorizing the Secretary of War, in his discretion, to purchase subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country, to provide means for their transportation and distribution, and making an appropriation therefor; and

A joint resolution (H. Res. 106) extending the limit of cost of the Government building or buildings at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, Nebr., and reducing cost of Government exhibit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of executive business. After fifty-seven minutes spent in executive session the doors were reopened, and (at 1 o'clock and 57 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being, under the concurrent resolution of the two Houses, until Wednesday, January 5, 1898, at 12 o'clock meridian.

NOMINATIONS.

Executive nominations received by the Senate December 18, 1897.

ASSISTANT SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

Felix A. Reeve, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Solicitor of the Treasury, vice Norborne T. N. Robinson, resigned.

Felix A. Reeve was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on August 5, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES SUPREME COURT OF NEW MEXICO.

Jonathan W. Crumpacker, of Indiana, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of New Mexico, vice Needham C. Collier, whose term expired October 31, 1897.

Jonathan W. Crumpacker was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on November 16, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

John R. McFie, of the Territory of New Mexico, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of New Mexico, vice Napoleon B. Laughlin, to be removed.

Frank W. Parker, of the Territory of New Mexico, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of New Mexico, vice Gideon D. Bantz, resigned.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGES.

Charles S. Johnson, of Alaska, to be United States district judge for the District of Alaska, vice Arthur K. Delaney, removed.

Charles S. Johnson was nominated to the Senate of the United States for the above-named position on July 17, 1897, and the Senate adjourned without taking action thereon; he was temporarily appointed during recess of the Senate on July 28, 1897.

Hosea Townsend, of Colorado, to be judge of the United States court of southern district of the Indian Territory, vice Constantine B. Kilgore, deceased.

Hosea Townsend was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 30, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA.

Webster Street, of Arizona Territory, to be chief justice of the supreme court of the Territory of Arizona, vice Hiram Truesdale, deceased.

Webster Street was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on November 6, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

JUDGE OF POLICE COURT.

Charles F. Scott, of the District of Columbia, to be judge of the police court of the District of Columbia, vice Thomas F. Miller, deceased.

Charles F. Scott was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on November 5, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

Joseph N. Stripling, of Florida, to be attorney of the United States for the southern district of Florida, vice Frank Clark, resigned.

Joseph N. Stripling was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on July 26, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Sardis Summerfield, of Nevada, to be attorney of the United States for the district of Nevada, vice Charles A. Jones, deceased.

Sardis Summerfield was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on November 11, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

John H. Wilkins, of Indian Territory, to be attorney of the United States for the central district of the Indian Territory, vice William J. Horton, removed.

John H. Wilkins was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 21, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Charles A. Wilson, of Rhode Island, to be attorney of the United States for the district of Rhode Island, vice Charles E. Gorman, whose term expired August 21, 1897.

Charles A. Wilson was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 30, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Wilson R. Gay, of Washington, to be attorney of the United States for the district of Washington, vice William H. Brinker, whose term expired August 28, 1897.

Wilson R. Gay was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on October 23, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

John H. Hall, of Oregon, to be attorney of the United States for the district of Oregon, vice Daniel R. Murphy, whose term expired September 1, 1897.

John H. Hall was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on October 29, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Daniel B. Heiner, of Pennsylvania, to be attorney of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania, vice Harry A. Hall, whose term expired August 21, 1897.

Daniel B. Heiner was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 14, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Alfred E. Holton, of North Carolina, to be attorney of the United States for the western district of North Carolina, vice R. B. Glenn, resigned.

Alfred E. Holton was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on July 28, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

William B. Johnson, of Indian Territory, to be attorney of the United States for the southern district of the Indian Territory, vice Andrew C. Cruce, removed.

William B. Johnson was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 21, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Albert M. Lea, of Mississippi, to be attorney of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi, vice Robert Charles Lee, resigned.

Albert M. Lea was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 20, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Mack A. Montgomery, of Mississippi, to be attorney of the United States for the northern district of Mississippi, vice Chapman L. Anderson, removed.

Mack A. Montgomery was nominated to the Senate of the United States for the above-named position on July 23, 1897, and the Senate adjourned without taking action thereon; he was temporarily appointed during recess of the Senate, on July 26, 1897.

James L. Martin, of Vermont, to be attorney of the United States for the district of Vermont, vice John H. Senter, whose term will expire January 8, 1898.

Isaac W. Dyer, of Maine, to be attorney of the United States for the district of Maine, vice Albert W. Bradbury, resigned.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS.

Leo E. Bennett, of Indian Territory, to be marshal of the United States for the northern district of the Indian Territory, vice Samuel M. Rutherford, removed.

Leo E. Bennett was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 21, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Leander J. Bryan, of Alabama, to be marshal of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, vice William H. Tisdale, whose term expired August 21, 1897.

Leander J. Bryan was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 17, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

John Cannon Short, of Delaware, to be marshal of the United States for the district of Delaware, vice Hewson E. Lannan, whose term expired August 28, 1897.

John Cannon Short was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on October 2, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Frederick W. Collins, of Mississippi, to be marshal of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi, vice John S. McNeily, whose term expired August 21, 1897.

Frederick W. Collins was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 20, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

D. N. Cooper, of Alabama, to be marshal of the United States for the northern district of Alabama, vice Judge C. Musgrove, whose term expired August 21, 1897.

D. N. Cooper was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 15, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

John S. Hammer, of Indian Territory, to be marshal of the United States for the southern district of the Indian Territory, vice Charles L. Stowe, removed.

John S. Hammer was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 21, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Zoeth Houser, of Oregon, to be marshal of the United States for the district of Oregon, vice Henry C. Grady, whose term expired September 1, 1897.

Zoeth Houser was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on October 28, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Edward G. Kennedy, of South Dakota, to be marshal of the United States for the district of South Dakota, vice Otto Peemiller, whose term expired August 21, 1897.

Edward G. Kennedy was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 18, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Glen Miller, of Utah, to be marshal of the United States for the district of Utah, vice Nat M. Brigham, removed.

Glen Miller was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on July 28, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Frank Simmons, of Alabama, to be marshal of the United States for the southern district of Alabama, vice E. R. Morrisette, whose term expired August 21, 1897.

Frank Simmons was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on September 16, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

Canada H. Thompson, of Oklahoma Territory, to be marshal of the United States for the Territory of Oklahoma, vice Patrick S. Nagle, resigned.

Canada H. Thompson was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on October 25, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

John C. Ames, of Illinois, to be marshal of the United States for the northern district of Illinois, vice John W. Arnold, removed.

MINISTERS, ETC.

Hamilton King, of Michigan, to be minister resident and consul-general of the United States to Siam, vice John Barrett, resigned.

William W. Thomas, jr., of Maine, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Sweden and Norway, vice Thomas B. Ferguson, resigned.

SECRETARIES OF LEGATION.

James C. McNally, of Pennsylvania, to be secretary of the legation and consul-general of the United States at Bogota, Colombia, vice Jacob Sleeper, resigned.

Edgar O. Achorn, of Massachusetts, to be secretary of the legation of the United States at St. Petersburg, Russia, vice Henry H. D. Peirce, resigned.

MEMBER NICARAGUA CANAL COMMISSION.

Col. Peter C. Hains, of the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, to be a member of the Nicaragua Canal Commission provided for in the act of Congress approved June 4, 1897, entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, and for other purposes," to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Oberlin M. Carter, resigned.

CONSUL-GENERAL.

John K. Pollard, of Ohio, to be consul-general of the United States at Monterey, Mexico, to fill an original vacancy.

CONSULS.

John N. Ruffin, of Tennessee, to be consul of the United States at Asuncion, Paraguay, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Samuel W. Thome, deceased.

Daniel E. McGinley, of Wisconsin, to be consul of the United States at Athens, Greece, vice George Horton, resigned.

William W. Touvelle, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Belfast, Ireland, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice James B. Taney, resigned.

Charles W. Merriman, of Wisconsin, to be consul of the United States at Brockville, Ontario, vice James A. Demarest, resigned.

Marshal Halstead, of New York, to be consul of the United States at Birmingham, England, vice George F. Parker, resigned.

Lemuel W. Livingston, of Florida, to be consul of the United States at Cape Haitien, Haiti, vice Leonard C. H. Schlemm, resigned.

Daniel Swiney, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Cork, Ireland, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Lucien J. Walker, resigned.

Charles W. Kindrick, of Louisiana, to be consul of the United States at Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Louis M. Buford, resigned.

Harlan W. Brush, of New York, to be consul of the United States at Clifton, Ontario, vice George W. Nichols, resigned.

George H. Moulton, of Colorado, to be consul of the United States at Demerara, British Guiana, vice Andrew J. Patterson, resigned.

John N. McCunn, of Wisconsin, to be consul of the United States at Dunfermline, Scotland, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice James D. Reid, resigned.

E. Theophilus Liefeld, of Connecticut, to be consul of the United States at Freiburg, Baden, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Jacob H. Thieriot, resigned.

Levi S. Wilcox, of Illinois, to be consul of the United States at Hankow, China, vice Jacob T. Child, resigned.

Louis H. Aymé, of Illinois, to be consul of the United States at Guadeloupe, West Indies, vice Jacob E. Dart, resigned.

Hugh Pitcairn, of Pennsylvania, to be consul of the United States at Hamburg, Germany, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice William H. Robertson, resigned.

William P. Smyth, of Missouri, to be consul of the United States at Hull, England, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Richard L. Miller, resigned.

Lewis Dexter, of Rhode Island, to be consul of the United States at Leeds, England, vice Norfleet Harris, resigned.

Chester Donaldson, of New York, to be consul of the United States at Managua, Nicaragua, vice Paul Wiesike, resigned.

W. Stanley Hollis, of Massachusetts, now consul of the United States at Mozambique, to be consul of the United States at Lourenço Marquez, Africa, to fill an original vacancy.

Robert P. Skinner, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Marseilles, France, vice Claude M. Thomas, resigned.

Thomas Smith, of New Jersey, to be consul of the United States at Moscow, Russia, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Adolph Billhardt, resigned.

Benjamin Nusbaum, of Pennsylvania, to be consul of the United States at Munich, Bavaria, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice J. Leonard Corning, whose nomination failed of confirmation at the last session of the Senate of the Fifty-fourth Congress.

Gustave C. E. Weber, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Nuremberg, Bavaria, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice William J. Black, resigned.

Michael J. Burke, of Illinois, to be consul of the United States at Port Stanley and St. Thomas, Canada, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice George J. Willis, resigned.

Frank W. Mahin, of Iowa, to be consul of the United States at Reichenberg, Bohemia, vice George R. Ernst, resigned.

James Johnston, of New Jersey, to be consul of the United States at Sheffield, England, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Bennington R. Bedle, resigned.

Ira B. Myers, of Indiana, to be consul of the United States at St. John, New Brunswick, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice John S. Derby, resigned.

Robert P. Pooley, of New York, now consul of the United States at Sierra Leone, Africa, to be consul of the United States at St. Helena, vice James B. Coffin, resigned.

Edward D. Winslow, of Illinois, to be consul of the United States at Stockholm, Sweden, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice Thomas B. O'Neil, resigned.

Griffith W. Prees, of Wisconsin, to be consul of the United States at Swansea, Wales, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice David C. Davies, resigned.

Urbain J. Ledoux, of Maine, to be consul of the United States at Three Rivers, Quebec, to which office he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, vice François X. Belleau, resigned.

John C. Billheimer, of Indiana, to be consul of the United States at Zanzibar, Zanzibar, vice R. Dorsey Mohun, resigned.

George L. Darte, of Pennsylvania, to be consul of the United States at Martinique, West Indies, vice Julius G. Tucker, resigned.

ASSISTANT APPRAISER.

Alfred W. Brown, of Massachusetts, to be assistant appraiser of merchandise in the district of Boston and Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts, to succeed Henry P. Kitfield, resigned.

COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS.

James H. Cooper, of New York, to be collector of customs for the district of Oswego, in the State of New York, to succeed William J. Bulger, removed.

Silas C. Croft, of New York, to be surveyor of customs in the district of New York, in the State of New York, to succeed John C. McGuire, resigned.

Mr. Croft is now serving under a temporary commission issued during the recess of the Senate.

John Peterson, of Minnesota, to be collector of customs for the district of Minnesota, to succeed John C. Geraghty, whose term of office has expired by limitation.

THIRD LIEUTENANT, REVENUE-CUTTER SERVICE.

John Mel, of California, to be a third lieutenant in the Revenue-Cutter Service of the United States, to succeed S. M. Landrey, promoted.

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to succeed William S. Forman, resigned.

COLLECTORS OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Edward C. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be collector of internal revenue for the Fourth district of North Carolina, to succeed F. M. Simmons, removed.

Henry C. Grenner, of Missouri, to be collector of internal revenue for the First district of Missouri, to succeed Wayman Crow McCreery, removed.

William Penn Nixon, of Illinois, to be collector of customs for the district of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, to succeed Martin J. Russell, removed.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

Richard Le Bert, of Denver, Colo., to be surveyor-general of Colorado, vice Thomas D. Robinson, term expired.

RECEIVERS OF PUBLIC MONEYS.

William R. Akers, of Gering, Nebr., to be receiver of public moneys at Alliance, Nebr., vice Frank M. Broome, whose term will expire December 23, 1897.

Nels Auley, of Phillips, Wis., to be receiver of public moneys at Ashland, Wis., vice Clarence Dennis, term expired.

John G. Chitwood, of Prairie View, Ark., to be receiver of public moneys at Dardanelle, Ark., vice John B. Crownover, term expired.

Alvah Eastman, of St. Cloud, Minn., who was appointed July 27, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be receiver of public moneys at St. Cloud, Minn., vice Colin F. Macdonald, removed.

The nomination of Mr. Eastman to said office failed of confirmation at the last session of the Senate.

George M. Laing, of Windom, Minn., to be receiver of public moneys at Marshall, Minn., vice Marvin E. Mathews, removed.

Stephen J. Loughran, of Des Moines, Iowa, who was appointed July 27, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be receiver of public moneys at Des Moines, Iowa, vice William H. Turbett, removed.

The nomination of Mr. Loughran to said office failed of confirmation at the last session of the Senate.

James M. Rhoades, of Glendive, Mont., to be receiver of public moneys at Miles City, Mont., vice James G. Ramsay, removed.

Edward A. Schicker, of Texarkana, Ark., to be receiver of public moneys at Camden, Ark., vice David Dixon, deceased.

Albert W. Thompson, of Clayton, N. Mex., to be receiver of public moneys at Clayton, N. Mex., vice Joseph S. Halland, whose term will expire December 23, 1897.

George W. Warner, of Fort Morgan, Colo., to be receiver of public moneys at Akron, Colo., vice William T. Skelton, whose term will expire December 23, 1897.

Rudolph B. Welch, of Topeka, Kans., to be receiver of public moneys at Topeka, Kans., vice James J. Hitt, removed.

REGISTERS OF LAND OFFICES.

J. H. Battenfield, of Russellville, Ark., to be register of the land office at Dardanelle, Ark., vice William P. Wooten, term expired.

August Doenitz, of Ashland, Wis., to be register of the land office at Ashland, Wis., vice George E. Kuntz, term expired.

Edward W. Fox, of Clayton, N. Mex., who was appointed July 27, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be register of the land office at Clayton, N. Mex., vice John E. Slack, removed.

The nomination of Mr. Fox to said office failed of confirmation at the last session of the Senate.

Jacob B. Friedheim, of Camden, Ark., to be register of the land office at Camden, Ark., vice Jesse A. Ross, term expired.

Sam Gordon, of Miles City, Mont., to be register of the land office at Miles City, Mont., vice George W. Myers, removed.

James A. Layton, of Grand Junction, Colo., to be register of the land office at Montrose, Colo., vice Albert E. Amsbary, whose term will expire December 16, 1897.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Oliver P. Johnson, of the District of Columbia, to be a justice of the peace in the District of Columbia (assigned to the city of Washington), his term having expired August 24, 1897.

Oliver P. Johnson was temporarily appointed to the above-named position on October 20, 1897, during recess of the Senate.

INDIAN INSPECTOR.

Andrew J. Duncan, of Cleveland, Ohio, who was appointed July 27, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be an Indian inspector, vice Clinton C. Duncan, resigned.

INDIAN AGENTS.

Harlan C. Baird, of Coleridge, Nebr., to be agent for the Indians of the Santee Agency, in Nebraska, vice Joseph Clements, resigned.

Thomas P. Fuller, of Helena, Mont., to be agent for the Indians of the Blackfeet Agency, in Montana, vice George B. McLaughlin, resigned.

Jay Lynch, of Dayton, Wash., who was appointed July 27, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be agent for the Indians of the Yakima Agency, in Washington, vice Lewis T. Erwin, resigned.

The nomination of Mr. Lynch to said office failed of confirmation at the last session of the Senate.

Charles S. McNichols, of Momence, Ill., who was appointed July 27, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be agent for the Indians of the Colorado River Agency, in Arizona, vice Charles E. Davis, resigned.

The nomination of Mr. McNichols to said office failed of confirmation at the last session of the Senate.

William H. Smead, of Missoula, Mont., to be agent for the Indians of the Flathead Agency, in Montana, vice Joseph T. Carter, term expired.

PENSION AGENTS.

Jacob D. Leighty, of St. Joe, Ind., who was appointed August 21, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be pension agent at Indianapolis, Ind., vice Martin V. B. Spencer, removed.

Edwin D. Coe, of Whitewater, Wis., who was appointed September 16, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be pension agent at Milwaukee, Wis., vice Joseph H. Woodnorth, term expired.

John T. Wilder, of Johnson City, Tenn., who was appointed November 8, 1897, during the recess of the Senate, to be pension agent at Knoxville, Tenn., vice Daniel A. Carpenter, removed.

PROMOTIONS IN THE NAVY.

P. A. Surg. Francis W. F. Wieber, to be a surgeon in the Navy, from the 6th day of November, 1897, vice Surg. John W. Baker, retired.

Paymaster George H. Griffing, to be a pay inspector in the Navy, from the 26th day of September, 1897, vice Pay Inspector Albert S. Kenny, promoted.

Asst. Naval Constructors Robert Stocker, Frank W. Hibbs, and Elliot Snow, to be naval constructors in the Navy, from the 11th day of November, 1897.

ASSISTANT TREASURER.

William P. Williams, of Illinois, to be assistant treasurer of the United States at Chicago, Ill., to succeed Delos P. Phelps, removed.

ASSAYER.

John L. Hodges, of Colorado, to be assayer in charge of the mint of the United States at Denver, Colo., to succeed William J. Puckett, removed.

SURVEYORS OF CUSTOMS.

Archibald A. Young, of Indiana, to be surveyor of customs for the port of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, to succeed George G. Tanner, resigned.

Joseph S. Spear, jr., of California, to be surveyor of customs in the district of San Francisco, in the State of California, to succeed William D. English, whose term of office will expire by limitation December 25, 1897.

APPRAISER.

John H. Walkenhorst, of Missouri, to be appraiser of merchandise at the port of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, to succeed James McCaffery, removed.

POSTMASTER.

Lorenzo F. Watson, to be postmaster at Watseka, in the county of Iroquois and State of Illinois, in the place of William H. Harry, resigned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 18, 1897.

ENVOYS EXTRAORDINARY AND MINISTERS PLENIPOTENTIARY.

William W. Thomas, jr., of Maine, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Sweden and Norway.

George H. Bridgman, of New Jersey, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Bolivia.

Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Russia.

W. Godfrey Hunter, of Kentucky, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Guatemala and Honduras.

Laurits S. Swenson, of Minnesota, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Denmark.

Archibald J. Sampson, of Arizona, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Ecuador.

William R. Finch, of Wisconsin, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Paraguay and Uruguay.

CONSULS-GENERAL.

James T. Dubois, of Pennsylvania, to be consul-general of the United States at St. Gall, Switzerland.

Eugene Seeger, of Illinois, to be consul-general of the United States at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Luther W. Osborn, of Nebraska, to be consul-general of the United States at Apia and Nukualofa, Tonga.

William R. Holloway, of Indiana, to be consul-general of the United States at St. Petersburg, Russia.

John L. Bittinger, of Missouri, to be consul-general of the United States at Montreal, Canada.

Frank C. Partridge, of Vermont, to be consul-general of the United States at Tangier, Morocco.

CONSULS.

Charles E. Monteith, of Idaho, to be consul of the United States at Chatham, Ontario.

Joseph T. Hoke, of West Virginia, to be consul of the United States at Windsor, Nova Scotia.

Frank W. Mahin, of Iowa, to be consul of the United States at Reichenberg, Bohemia.

Alvin Smith, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Trinidad, West Indies.

Augustus G. Seyfert, of Pennsylvania, to be consul of the United States at Stratford, Ontario.

John E. Kehl, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Stettin, Germany.

James Franklin Darnell, of Indiana, to be consul of the United States at Nogales, Mexico.

Charles B. Harris, of Indiana, to be consul of the United States at Nagasaki, Japan.

Joseph I. Brittain, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Nantes, France.

Henry S. Culver, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at London, Ontario.

Charles P. Snyder, of West Virginia, to be consul of the United States at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, Mexico.

Rafael Madrigal, of Maryland, to be consul of the United States at Cartagena, Colombia.

John Howell Carroll, of Maryland, to be consul of the United States at Cadiz, Spain.

Daniel Mayer, of West Virginia, to be consul of the United States at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.

Talbot J. Albert, of Maryland, to be consul of the United States at Brunswick, Germany.

W. Irvin Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be consul of the United States at Barranquilla, Colombia.

Frank M. Brundage, of Pennsylvania, to be consul of the United States at Aix la Chapelle, Germany.

Edward C. Cramer, of Wisconsin, to be consul of the United States at Florence, Italy.

Julian Phelps, of Iowa, to be consul of the United States at Crefeld, Germany.

John C. Ingersoll, of Illinois, to be consul of the United States at Copenhagen, Denmark.

John A. Barnes, of Illinois, to be consul of the United States at Cologne, Germany.

Chester W. Martin, of Michigan, to be consul of the United States at Amherstburg, Ontario.

Miffin W. Gibbs, of Arkansas, to be consul of the United States at Tamatave, Madagascar.

William Wallace Mills, of Texas, to be consul of the United States at Chihuahua, Mexico.

Abraham B. Jones, of Alabama, to be consul of the United States at Tuxpan, Mexico.

Leonard B. Smith, of Maine, to be consul of the United States at Curacao, West Indies.

Marshal Halstead, of New York, to be consul of the United States at Birmingham, England.

Robert P. Skinner, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Marseilles, France.

Lewis Dexter, of Rhode Island, to be consul of the United States at Leeds, England.

MEMBER OF CALIFORNIA DÉBRIS COMMISSION.

Maj. William Henry Heuer, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, to be a member of the California Débris Commission, provided for by the act of Congress approved March 1, 1893, entitled "An act to create the California Débris Commission and regulate hydraulic mining in the State of California."

MEMBER OF MISSOURI RIVER COMMISSION.

Maj. William Louis Marshall, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, to be a member of the Missouri River Commission, provided for by the act of Congress approved July 5, 1884, entitled "An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes."

PROMOTIONS IN THE NAVY.

Commander Royal B. Bradford, United States Navy, to be Chief of the Bureau of Equipment in the Department of the Navy.

Medical Director William K. Van Reypen, United States Navy, to be Surgeon-General and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in the Department of the Navy.

Naval Constructor Philip Hichborn, United States Navy, to be Chief Constructor and Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair in the Department of the Navy.

INDIAN AGENTS.

Thomas P. Fuller, of Helena, Mont., to be agent for the Indians of the Blackfoot Agency.

William H. Smead, of Missoula, Mont., to be Indian agent for the Flathead Agency.

Harlan C. Baird, of Nebraska, to be agent for the Indians of the Santee Agency, in Nebraska.

James C. Clifford, of Forsyth, Mont., to be agent for the Indians of the Tongue River Agency, in Montana.

COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS.

William Penn Nixon, of Illinois, to be collector of customs for the district of Chicago, Ill.

John Peterson, of Minnesota, to be collector of customs for the district of Minnesota.

James H. Cooper, of New York, to be collector of customs for the district of Oswego.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL.

John C. Ames, of Illinois, to be marshal of the United States for the northern district of Illinois.

SURVEYOR OF CUSTOMS.

Joseph S. Spear, jr., of California, to be surveyor of customs in the district of San Francisco.

RECEIVER OF PUBLIC MONEYS.

James M. Rhoades, of Glendive, Mont., to be receiver of public moneys at Miles City, Mont.

REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE.

Sam Gordon, of Miles City, Mont., to be register of the land office at Miles City, Mont.

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES TREASURER.

William P. Williams, of Illinois, to be assistant treasurer of the United States at Chicago, Ill.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

Richard La Bert, of Denver, Colo., to be surveyor-general of Colorado.

APPRAISER OF MERCHANDISE.

John H. Walkenhorst, of Missouri, to be appraiser of merchandise at the port of St. Louis, Mo.

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

APPOINTMENT IN THE REVENUE-CUTTER SERVICE.

John Niel, of California, to be third lieutenant in the Revenue-Cutter Service of the United States.

POSTMASTER.

Lorenzo F. Watson, to be postmaster at Watseka, Iroquois County, Ill.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, December 18, 1897.

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

The Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our God and Father, in whose encircling love we dwell, how inadequate is language to express our gratitude, how poor our opportunities to return to Thee those things which we ought to give for all the blessings Thou hast bestowed upon us.

Teach us how to use the faculties of our minds and the powers of our souls that we may best fit ourselves for this life and that higher life to come; how we may best spread abroad Thy kingdom upon the earth, that all men may join in the angel chorus, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

We bless Thee for that life in Jesus Christ which is the great example for us all. Help us to follow in His wake, and accept our thanks for all the great and noble lives who have tried to follow in His footsteps. For—

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

As our thoughts go out to-day to one of our members who has passed into that glorious life beyond the grave, may we call to mind all that was pure and noble and best in his character, and may we strive to emulate his virtues.

Bless those whose heartstrings were torn asunder by his sudden death, and all those who knew him and loved him on this floor. And help us to remember that the earth is not man's only abiding place, but that there is a realm above, where the rainbow never fades, where the stars are spread out before us as islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beautiful forms that here pass before us, like the visions of a dream, will stay in our presence forever.

Hear us and bless us, in the name of Christ. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

RELIEF FOR SUFFERING MINERS, YUKON RIVER COUNTRY.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to submit a conference report.

The SPEAKER. The report will be read.