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IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
The \$300,000 Appropriation for the
Columbia River Bar Improve-
ment in the House.

SENATE.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The
credentials of Reagan as senator
from Texas, and of Bates, senator
from Tennessee, were presented
in the senate and placed on file.
Plumb, from the conference
committee on the postoffice appropria-
tion bill, reported disagreement
on the subsidy action, and
moved that the senate ask further
conference; so ordered.
The senate then proceeded to
the consideration of the consular
diplomatic appropriation bill.
Platt inquired of Allison as to
the condition of the appropriation
bills.

Allison said only one appropria-
tion bill, the army bill, had been
signed at present. The only other
appropriation bills that had passed
both houses were the pension bill
and military academy bill. The
postoffice bill, Indian bill, sundry
civil bill and District of Columbia
bill were all in conference. The
legislative bill and the sundry civil
bill had not been taken up for
consideration by the house. Re-
ports of the naval bill were under
consideration by that body, and
had been for two or three days.
It was proceeded with there with
commendable leisure, the house
having adjourned yesterday at
4:15. The deficiency bill had not
yet been reported to the house,
nor had the fortification bill yet
reached the senate.

Allison said that in all his service
in both houses he has never known
such a state of backwardness in
regard to appropriation bills. For
this condition of things he declares
that neither the senate nor its
committees on appropriations were
in any way responsible. A mem-
ber of the senate appropriation
committee declares that, in his be-
lief, it will be impossible during
the remaining days of the session,
to finish the appropriation bills.
The consular and diplomatic
appropriation bill was then pro-
ceeded with.

Plumb criticised the administra-
tion severely for making unfit ap-
pointments, but said he was not
unmindful of the fact that the
president had difficulty in getting
competent men in the Democratic
party and had consequently left
many Republicans in office. He
spoke in terms of ridicule of the
American minister at London, and
of his predecessor, Mr. Lowell.
He said that he was more a citizen
of the republic of letters than of
the republic of the United States.
Until some American enterprise
was got into the consular and dip-
lomatic service it was just as well
to leave it in its present rut. If
not a disgrace, it was, at all events,
no credit to the American people.
It needed recasting and rebuilding
"from turret to foundation."

Call suggested sarcastically that
there was no other way to elevate
the consular and diplomatic service
except to have the senator from
Kansas elected president of the
United States, but it so happened
that the people preferred to elect
their own choice. Mr. Plumb said
he was informed, and believed
that the present minister to Eng-
land habitually and systemat-
ically neglected his duties as min-
ister so far as they related to the
comfort, convenience and interest
of American citizens. He was in-
formed, and he believed that the
American minister was practically
"a toady to the British aristoc-
racy." There ought to be some-
thing of dignity of American
citizenship observed by our min-
ister to England. In his judgment
neither Mr. Phelps nor Mr. Lowell
should ever have represented the
United States abroad. He would
not say that it was a disgrace that
they had represented this country,
but would say that it was a great
misfortune which ought to be re-
paired by removal of the present
minister.

Morrill defended Mr. Phelps.
After a good deal of further des-
ultory discussion the amendment
reported by the committee on ap-
pointments were all adopted (with
some others) and the senate bill
passed.
The agricultural appropriation
bill was then taken up and passed,
with some amendments.
Messages were presented from

the president vetoing pension bills
for Anna Wright and Sarah Ham-
ilton.

Plumb, from the conference
committee on house bill to restrict
ownership of real estate in territo-
ries to American citizens, made a
report which was agreed to.

Hoff, from the committee on li-
brary, reported a bill appropriat-
ing \$20,000 for the completion of
a monument to Mary, the mother
of Washington, at Fredericksburg,
Va.; passed.
Jones, of Nevada, offered a res-
olution, which was adopted, call-
ing on the secretary of state for a
statement of the conditions on
which the Anglo-American direct
and French cable companies were
allowed to land its cables on Amer-
ican shores; also copies of all con-
tracts between those companies
and other cable and telegraph com-
panies. He also presented the
credentials of Mr. Stewart as sen-
ator from the state of Nevada;
placed on file.

Davis presented the conference
report on the Indian appropriation
bill; agreed to.
The senate bill to reimburse de-
positors of the Freedmen's Sav-
ing & Trust company was taken
up, discussed, amended and pass-
ed; yeas 28, nays 6.
The senate then adjourned.

HOUSE.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Wills,
of Kentucky, moved that the rules
be suspended and the senate
amendment to the river and harbor
appropriations bill be not concur-
red in. After debate the motion
was agreed to by 162 to 33.

Bragg, of Wisconsin, presented
the conference report on the bill
for location and erection of a
branch soldiers' home west of the
Rocky mountains; agreed to.

The house then went into com-
mittee of the whole, Mr. McCreary
in the chair, on the naval appropria-
tion bill.

Sayers, of Texas, offered an
amendment, appropriating \$2,470,-
000 for the construction of two
swift double steel cruisers each of
about 4,000 tons displacement, and
one swift torpedo boat. Boutelle,
of Maine, offered a substitute
for the amendment an amend-
ment appropriating \$1,500,000 for
the construction of ten steel cruisers
and \$4,800,000 for the arma-
ment of the same. Boutelle's sub-
stitute was rejected, 86 to 107, al-
most a strict party vote. Thomas,
of Illinois, moved to amend the
amendment by providing that the
vessels shall be built under con-
tract and as nearly as may be in
compliance with the provisions of
the act of August 3, 1886; agreed
to. As thus amended the amend-
ment offered by Sayers, of Texas,
was adopted, 134 to 39. On point
of order raised by Randall, of
Pennsylvania, the last paragraph
of the bill authorizing the transfer
of material from one bureau of
the navy department to another
was ruled from the bill. The com-
mittee then rose and reported the
bill to the house, and the house re-
affirmed (yeas 151, nays 71) the
amendment offered by Sayers and
the bill was then passed. The
house then took recess until 8
o'clock.

The house went into committee
of the whole on the legislative, ex-
ecutive and judicial appropriation
bills.
The reading proceeded without
interruption for nearly two hours,
when Pettibone, of Tennessee,
moved that the committee rise.
The question was put and decided
in the negative, when Brady made
the point of order that no quorum
had voted. The chairman (Springer)
decided that no quorum was ne-
cessary on a motion that a com-
mittee rise. Brady appealed from
the decision, but the chair refused
to entertain.

The Caldwell, I. T., Tribune
says that word comes from the
Payette section that cattle are in a
terrible condition, owing to the
continued storms. Herds that
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