

By Mr. KNOX:

A bill (S. 5524) granting an increase of pension to Isaac N. White; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. HOLLIS:

A bill (S. 5525) authorizing the Secretary of War to donate to the town of Berlin, N. H., one German cannon or fieldpiece; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SHERMAN:

A bill (S. 5526) granting an increase of pension to Herbert A. York; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. MARTIN of Kentucky:

A bill (S. 5527) granting a pension to W. W. Treadway;

A bill (S. 5528) granting an increase of pension to John Wilson;

A bill (S. 5529) granting a pension to Benjamin H. Kimbler;

A bill (S. 5530) granting a pension to Lee Begley;

A bill (S. 5531) granting an increase of pension to Henry Fields; and

A bill (S. 5532) granting an increase of pension to Charley Shelton; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. LODGE:

A bill (S. 5533) authorizing the Secretary of War to donate to Tufts College, Mass., one German cannon or fieldpiece; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. WADSWORTH:

A bill (S. 5534) granting the consent of Congress to Oliver Cabana, jr., Myron S. Hall, E. G. Connette, William F. MacGlashan, John H. Bradley, and M. A. Hurt to construct a bridge across Niagara River within or near the city limits of Buffalo, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SPENCER:

A bill (S. 5535) granting a pension to Maria C. Vance; to the Committee on Pensions.

#### AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Mr. CULBERSON submitted an amendment proposing to appropriate \$4,266.14, in addition to the \$16,500 appropriated for this purpose, to pay the El Paso Bridge & Iron Co., of El Paso, Tex., for extra work and material in the completion of the construction of a bridge across the San Juan River at Shiprock, N. Mex., on the Navajo Indian Reservation, etc., intended to be proposed by him to the Indian appropriation bill, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. REED submitted an amendment relative to drafting into the military service of the United States, to serve therein for the period of the war unless sooner discharged, any or all members of the National Guard or of the National Guard Reserve, etc., intended to be proposed by him to the Army appropriation bill, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

#### VALIDATION OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—CONFERENCE REPORT.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. I present a conference report on the so-called contract bill, which I ask to have read.

The Secretary read the report, as follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 13274) to provide relief where formal contracts have not been made in the manner required by law, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

On the amendment of the Senate to the bill and to the title of the bill the conferees have been unable to agree.

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN,

DUNCAN U. FLETCHER,

C. S. THOMAS,

F. E. WARREN,

P. C. KNOX,

*Managers on the part of the Senate.*

S. H. DENT, JR.,

W. J. FIELDS,

JULIUS KAHN,

*Managers on the part of the House.*

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. I ask for the adoption of the conference report.

The report was agreed to.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. I move that the Senate further insist upon its amendments and request a further conference with the House, the conferees on the part of the Senate to be appointed by the Chair.

The motion was agreed to; and the Vice President appointed Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WARREN, and Mr. KNOX conferees at the further conference on the part of the Senate.

#### HOUSE BILLS REFERRED.

The following bills were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Public Lands:

H. R. 171. An act to repeal the last proviso of section 4 of an act to establish the Rocky Mountain National Park, in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes, approved January 26, 1915; and

H. R. 13353. An act to extend the provisions of the homestead laws touching credit for period of enlistment to the soldiers, nurses, and officers of the Army and the seamen, marines, nurses, and officers of the Navy and the Marine Corps of the United States who have served or will have served with the Mexican border operations or during the war between the United States and Germany and her allies.

The following bills were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Commerce:

H. R. 12995. An act granting the consent of Congress to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. to construct, maintain, and operate a combined bridge and dam across the Mahoning River, in the State of Ohio;

H. R. 12996. An act granting the consent of Congress to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mahoning River, in the State of Ohio;

H. R. 12997. An act granting the consent of Congress to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mahoning River, in the State of Ohio; and

H. R. 13232. An act to extend the time for the construction of a bridge across the Red River of the North between Traill County, N. Dak., and Polk County, Minn.

#### BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. MYERS. Mr. President, I was not able to be in attendance at all upon the Senate yesterday. I was necessarily detained by attendance upon a very important, all-afternoon meeting of a conference committee and by other official duties which were pressing upon my attention. I am sorry I was not able to be present. Had I been present when the able and distinguished Senator from Colorado [Mr. THOMAS] spoke yesterday in condemnation of a seditious meeting which was held at Poli's Theater in this city Sunday night, I would assuredly have given my indorsement to the patriotic words which he uttered upon that subject, and I now give my hearty indorsement to all he said upon the subject. I regret that I was not here to say something upon the subject yesterday, and I now take occasion to say a few words on the subject.

I was inexpressibly shocked and horrified to read in the Washington Post of Monday morning this article:

[From the Washington Post, Monday, Feb. 3, 1919.]

URGE "RED" AMERICA—BOLSHEVIST SPEAKERS STRIKE HUGE AUDIENCE AT POLI'S THEATER—CITY'S RADICALS IN THRONGS—REPRESENTATIVE MASON CHARGES PLOT TO KEEP SLAV FUNDS IN UNITED STATES—SPEAKS FROM BOX AFTER ALBERT RHYS WILLIAMS AND OTHERS LAUD SOVIETS AND TELL OF SPREADING PROPAGANDA IN UNITED STATES—"SUFF" PICKETS TAKE UP COLLECTIONS—ADOPT JOHNSON RESOLUTION NOW IN SENATE.

Bolshevism was lauded and advocated in preference to American democracy before a big audience that packed Poli's Theater yesterday afternoon in an address on "The truth about Russia," by Albert Rhys Williams, a war correspondent, who recently returned from Siberia. For three hours Williams and Miss Louise Bryant, who spent several months in Russia, interspersed descriptions of conditions in Russia with praise of the Soviet system and the Bolshevik leaders and frequently disparaged the American form of government. Williams declared that the people will want a Soviet system instituted in America when it is seen how admirably the system works.

There was an attempt last week to have the meeting forbidden by the police. Many Secret Service men were in the crowd, which was largely made up of radicals. Five of the suffrage pickets were in the audience. Mrs. Ida M. Waters, a prominent local suffrage worker, assisted in taking up a collection to pay for the rent of the theater.

#### MASON SPEAKS FROM BOX.

Several Senators and Representatives attended the meeting, which was widely advertised. Representatives DILLON, of South Dakota; GORDON, of Ohio; and MASON, of Illinois, were among those present. Representative BILLY MASON, who occupied a box, made a speech at the end of the meeting. In his address Representative MASON declared that he was not "afraid to go to jail."

Miss Bryant declared the Russian people were trying to organize a new human society. "They do not want a civilization," she said, "like we have in America or England or France. They do not want an East Side and a Fifth Avenue in Russia."

#### DODGES FATE OF WOMEN.

Miss Bryant dodged the question when asked whether the women had been "nationalized," and said people should examine the law for themselves. When a member of the audience attempted to reply to Miss Bryant, Judson King, who presided, said he was not "going to stand for any speeches from the floor." The matter was put to an informal vote and carried unanimously. The audience was wildly demonstrative. Outburst of applause were frequent. Shouts of "Hurrah for the Bolsheviks!" greeted Representative MASON's remarks.

"The verdict of the masses is that the Soviet has made good notwithstanding terrible handicaps," said Williams. "They were first deserted