

QUESTION OF THE HOUR

Another Financial Debate in the United States Senate.

CAUSED BY HILL'S RESOLUTION

The Speakers Were the Senator From New York and Wolcott, Lodge, Stewart and Teller.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A storm of financial debate swept over the senate today, exceeding in intensity any discussion in the upper branch of congress for many days. It was prompted on the advocacy of his resolution defining the policy of the government for bimetalism and for paying its obligations in the best money in use.

Wolcott made a direct and personal criticism of the president. Lodge was more temperate, but quite as severe in his personal arraignment of the president, declaring the recent contract with the blackest act in the history of American finance.

When the Hill resolution was first taken up, Sherman offered a substitute declaring the policy of the government should be toward maintaining a parity between metals so that every dollar coined should be equal to every other dollar.

Hill declared bimetalism an object of silver success. He was rejoiced to read the dispatches from Berlin announcing that action had been taken toward the rehabilitation of silver.

"At least we can say that this congress is committed to gold," he will proceed steadily toward bimetalism, and that we will maintain our national honor and credit by paying our debts in the best money in use."

Wolcott criticized the recent contract made for the sale of the bonds in Europe. He did not believe that the bankers through whom the negotiations had been made will ever be called upon to advance more than 10 per cent of the amount of bonds on account of advance in their price.

He asserted that the resolution and the speech of Hill were in the same direction, and that there was to be a change in the interest of silver. He concluded: "We are working toward it, not if any one could ever be prevented from going in that direction, it is the disgraceful and

APPROPRIATION BILLS

Last of the Regular Measures Reported to the House.

CARRIES SIX AND A HALF MILLIONS

This Makes the Total Amount of Deficiency Appropriations This Session Close to Nine Millions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The house committee on appropriations today reported the general deficiency bill, the last of the regular appropriation bills of this congress. The bill appropriates \$6,518,571, of which the principal appropriations are as follows:

Treasury department ..... \$1,100,415 War department ..... 330,000 Navy department ..... 1,150,415 Department of justice ..... 2,354,420 Postoffice department ..... 1,282,118 Government printing office ..... 40,000 Judgment of court claims ..... 716,033 Audited claims ..... 76,708

In addition to the sum recommended in this bill, appropriations have been made during the present session of congress to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the support of the government during the current and prior fiscal years, as follows:

December 31, 1894, printing ..... \$ 100,000 December 31, 1894, census ..... 400,000 January 25, 1895, urgent deficiency appropriations for this session is, therefore, \$8,328,586.

The recommendation of Secretary Graham for an appropriation of \$800,000 for the payment of all claims by Great Britain growing out of the seizure of fur-sealing vessels in Behring sea, was called up in the committee for the first time, and the bill was referred to the committee on the ground that it was not a regular appropriation bill.

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THE PACIFIC RAILROADS

Reilly's Funding Bill to Be Reported Back to the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Reilly's Pacific railroad funding bill will be reported back to the house next Monday by Chairman Reilly, with a strong minority report filed by Representative DeLoach.

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CONGRESS

Voted On in the Reichstag.

BIMETALISM UNDER DISCUSSION

Resolutions Adopted Instructing the Federal Government to Issue Invitations to Other Nations.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The silver question in the United States and Europe has been the subject on which the political and financial world has been chiefly occupied during the past week.

Wednesday night, during the subscription ball at the Royal opera-house, the emperor showed the interest he felt in the matter by engaging in a lengthy conversation with Mr. Runyon, the American ambassador, on American financial affairs.

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THE SEALING QUESTION.

This Government to Invite England, Russia and Japan to a Conference.

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THE GOLD DEPOSITED

Twenty-two Millions and But One Million Outside New York.

SMALL PORTION OF BONDS SOLD

The Banks Desire to Retain Their Bonds as Basis for New Circulation When Money Hardens.

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THE SCHOONER WAHLBERG

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ROUTINE OF CONGRESS.

AGRICULTURAL BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION WHEN THE HOUSE ADJOURNS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In the senate today Dubois presented a telegram from Phoenix, Ariz., which recited that at a meeting of the farmers of that state, it was unanimously resolved that the republican sentiment of the territory was unequivocally in favor of the admission of Arizona to statehood at the present session of congress.

THE LANDS IN CALIFORNIA.

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OTHER CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

FRIENDLY ARBITRATION SUGGESTED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Among the miscellaneous business transacted by the house today was the passage of a bill declaring it to be the sense of congress that Great Britain and Venezuela should settle friendly arbitration of the Guiana boundary dispute, which has been in effect since 1857.

IN FAVOR OF RAMSON.

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