

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.

dishonorable dicker of the president with the Rothschilds. Lodge made the substantial and important part of the resolution was the half declaring the right of the holder to receive his pay in the best money. He said that the other provisions of the resolution were immaterial and let this stand. He did not regard it as necessary to define the question as to who was a bimetalist, or to pronounce for the party of the holder of the money.

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, \$300,000; Navy department, \$1,100,415; Department of justice, \$2,304,420; Postoffice department, \$2,824,118; Government printing office, \$9,000; Judgment of court claims, \$76,003; Audited claims, \$76,003.

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.

THE MINERAL LANDS

Secretary Smith's Reply to the House Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary Smith sent to the house today information as to the amount of land patented to private parties under the act of May 18, 1884, which means that the act is non-mineral character, and whether any lands patented were before or since claimed as mineral. The commissioner of the general land office reported that there were no specific regulations for determining the non-mineral character of lands listed and selected by land-grant colleges.

SILVER IN GERMANY

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. The financial troubles in the United States are followed here with the closest attention and the National Zeitung, Cline's Journal, and other newspapers have commented at various lengths upon the situation at Washington.

THE SEALING QUESTION.

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

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Important action upon the seal fishing and sealing sea was taken today by the house and means committee.

THE SCHOONER WAHLBERG.

No Action Taken So Far by the Government Officials.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 16.—Collector Fisher yesterday telegraphed Secretary of the Navy regarding the schooner Wahlberg, which was captured by the United States navy in the Gulf of Mexico. Fisher stated that the schooner was carrying a large quantity of silver and was bound for the coast of Mexico.

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.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Of the \$22,000,000 gold deposited in New York and other cities, \$1,000,000 has been deposited out of town, at San Francisco and Baltimore. The gold deposited in the legal depositories, the First, Park and City National banks and the Bank of Commerce, today represent principally the gold holdings of these banks, which were taken from the banks' accounts and credited on the books to the government scattered subject to the disposition of the treasury department. It was reported in Wall Street, although the managers of the syndicate declined to confirm the report, that the syndicate has sold \$20,000,000 worth of bonds at 113 1/2, leaving only \$2,000,000 more to be placed in this country.