

WASHINGTON. (From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 1891.

Senators Edmunds and Sherman have engineered a large number of audacious schemes to success during their long legislative careers, but their latest scheme is the most audacious of all. It is, for the United States to practically assume the entire responsibility of building the Nicaragua canal by guaranteeing \$100,000,000 as bonds to be issued by the company now at work upon the canal.

Mr Harrison attempted to take a small revenge upon Senators Teller and Wolcott of Colorado, for their daring to oppose the Force bill and to favor free coinage, by nominating ex-Senator Hill, of the same, who is an implacable enemy of the two senators, to be a member of the International monetary commission, and this nomination has brought about a unique state of affairs in the senate.

On Wednesday of this week the senate will vote on the new silver bill, and there is little doubt that a free coinage amendment will be adopted by a very substantial majority, but that it can get through the House in the face of the opposition of Czar Reed and the administration, is not so certain, although the silver men in the senate, who claim to have made a careful canvass of the House, say that it is bound to go through Reed or no Reed.

Some people think that Mr Harrison is trying to make a bargain with the republicans who voted against their party to lay aside the Force bill by promising to sign the free coinage bill, if it passes the House, if they will promise to vote to take up the Force bill again when the financial bill is disposed of and to vote for its passage.

It is denied that there is any friction between Secretaries Proctor and Noble over the Indian policy that has been adopted by the administration of putting army officers in charge of the agencies.

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It now looks as if the ship subsidy bill job might be defeated in the House. Its opponents are increasing on the republican side and it is making no gains among the democrats.

It now turns out that Spain isn't half as anxious to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with us as has been stated by Mr. Blaine's friends, and that she will demand the big half of the bargain in any treaty that is proposed by Mr. Blaine.

Representative Turner, of Kansas, intimates that the letter offering a bribe to Mr. McGrath, to which his name was forged, was instigated by friends of Ingalls.

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