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WASHINGTON NEWS.

Arbitration Treaty Seems to be Hung Up.

Senator Chandler's Silver Speech Billion Dollar Congress. Expenses Seem Unavoidable. Thefts from Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 15, 1897.

Senator Sherman knows when to run up against an insurmountable obstacle as well as the next man. He was especially anxious that the Senate should ratify the arbitration treaty before he became Secretary of State, and he made unusual efforts to bring the objecting Senators around to his way of thinking, but when he discovered that he could not do so, he didn't try to raise a rumpus about letting the treaty go over to the next session. The Senate will, as usual be called together in extra session on the 4th of March, by the outgoing President, to act upon nominations of the incoming President and it is considered certain that it will remain in session until the date named by President McKinley for the meeting of both branches in extra session to act on the tariff bill. But when it will act on the arbitration treaty is matter of uncertainty. Although it was supposed that the amendments to the treaty would meet the objections of its opponents in the Senate it has been clearly made apparent that such is not the case. A handful of the termined Senators can stave off the vote on the treaty indefinitely, if so disposed even if the requisite two-thirds favor it.

Some of the silver men in Congress decline to take seriously Senator Chandler's silver speech in favor of his resolution, declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that it is not the policy of the government to maintain the gold standard as a permanency and that it will endeavor to bring about a restoration of the double or bimetallic standard at the earliest opportunity. They say that Mr. Chandler is one of those who talk silver between times, but can always be counted upon to vote gold when his vote is necessary. The gold men regard Mr. Chandler's speech and his resolution as an unnecessary stirring up of a dangerous subject. If Mr. Chandler is satisfied with his own approval, he can consider his speech a success.

Although Speaker Reed and Chairman Cannon, of the House Appropriations Committee, have even gone to the extent of making personal enemies in their efforts to keep down the appropriations, it is now certain that the total appropriations of the fifty fourth Congress will exceed those made by any previous Congress and be considerably in excess of one billion dollars. Mr. Cannon said explanatory of the heavy total of the appropriations; "How can we cut down? We must observe the contracts which we have entered into, and we cannot let public buildings remain exposed and unfinished in all kinds of weather. Neither can we ignore the Pension laws. As long as it seems necessary to build ships and build forts, we will have to pay out large sums."

The Indian Appropriation bill, as reported to the Senate, carries a number of important amendments. Among them one providing for the allotment of land in Indian Territory and for displacing the local courts by a system of Federal Judiciary; and throwing open to settlement the Uncompahgre reservation in Utah; one giving the Secretary of the Interior authority to make contracts with sectarian Indian schools, where there are no non-sectarian schools, and a number relating to minor Indian affairs.

The frequent exposure of thefts from the Government are not at all pleasant to contemplate. The latest was the arrest of two young men employed by the Congressional Library, charged with stealing and selling autograph letters of some of the founders of the Republic which were stored in the Congressional Library because there was no safer place to keep them. Not long ago employees of the Government were arrested and are now undergoing punishment for having mutilated the archives of the Government in order to get autographs of distinguished men and stamps attached to official documents, which they sold to dealers in those articles. It has seem that some of these dealers in stamps autographs, etc., were in the habit, in the purchases they make, they do not require the seller to furnish well authenticated proof of his right to sell what he offers. All of them are, however, not so careless, as it was thought one of their that the thefts from the Congressional Library were discovered. Soon the government may have a fire and burglar proof hall of records in which all of its valuable archives will be stored, and then it must trust to the honesty of some of its employees and the watchfulness of others to preserve what the nations consider priceless.

A joint resolution has been passed by both branches of Congress to notify the President-elect that the Congress of Washington are ready to receive him and to pay their respects. It will not do for him to get through the inaugural ceremonies and gets through the President's congressional receptions.

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THE STATE CAPITAL.

The Ever Present Bill Being Introduced.

Case of Swinson, No Business Transacted. Free Pass Farce. Lease Question. Craven's Representatives. The Fair.

RALEIGH, N. C. February 17.

There is trouble in store for the Democratic members of the Legislature who voted for the Democratic caucus nominee for Senator. The Democratic caucus has decided that the Democratic members who voted for Senator Pritchard must be punished and will recommend that they be expelled from the party and not allowed to vote in it.

The rumors are that the Democratic members are to be severely dealt with. Senator Mr. Carthy, who voted for Senator Pritchard, has been expelled from the Democratic party and will be recommended that he be expelled from the House. Representative Swinson, who voted for Pritchard, has been expelled from the Democratic party and will be recommended that he be expelled from the House. Representative Swinson, who voted for Pritchard, has been expelled from the Democratic party and will be recommended that he be expelled from the House.