

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION.

Ways and Means Committee of the House at Work.

SPEAKER REED'S BOND SCHEME.

It Will Doubtless be Adopted and Presented to the House by Mr. Dingley's Committee—To Increase the Tariff on Wool, Lumber and Other Articles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—This committee to be an eventful week in the history of the House. The committee has reached the point today that all shall have been done by the committee in respect to the raising of the tariff on wool, lumber and other articles.

As a preliminary it was decided that while the committee is in session no bill should be introduced into the House. The committee is now in the process of preparing a report on the tariff on wool, lumber and other articles.

Mr. Reed's bond proposition, which the committee will adopt, provides for the reduction of the rate of interest on bonds to be issued under the acts of 1870 and 1873, for the purpose of resuming specie payment and protecting the specie reserve.

The details of the tariff changes will furnish the most difficult task in framing the bill. There is practical unanimity of sentiment, so far as can be ascertained, among the Republican members of the committee on the wool tariff.

While there is, it is said, some difference of opinion on this point, it seems certain that there will be a time limitation of two years or three months on the life of the tariff provisions of the bill.

The Republicans of the ways and means committee are now at work perfecting the details of the bill. It is expected that it will be ready by tomorrow, and if so it will probably be passed under a special order of the committee on rules.

After the bill has been sent to the senate the question of whether congress shall remain in session for the remainder of the holidays will rest with that body.

As to the attitude of the Democrats toward the bill, it seems probable that it will be opposed by most if not all of them. The silver Democrats are not disposed to vote for any bond proposition.

The administration and sound money Democrats who might be disposed to vote for a bond authorization will probably be deterred from voting for the measure because of its tariff propositions.

The chairman of the leading house committees are: Ways and Means, Dingley of Maine; foreign affairs, Hill of Illinois; naval affairs, Mitchell of Maine; banking and currency, Walker of Massachusetts; appropriations, Cannon of Illinois; military affairs, Hull of Iowa; rivers and harbors, Hooper of New York; merchant marine and fisheries, Fay of New York; Pacific railroads, Powers of Vermont.

The course of the senate this week will depend largely, if not entirely, upon the turn which affairs shall take in the House. The senate adjourned on Saturday until Tuesday.

THE CHIPMUNK.

Some Facts About This Frisky Little Denizen of the Woods.

Have you ever watched the antics of the ground squirrel in winter? The name of the frisky little fellow is chipmunk. In the woods it is always busy with its nuts.

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A VAIN BETRAYAL.

HOW THE NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE INSPECTORS MADE \$4,000.

How an Old German's Effort to Smuggle a Lot of Diamonds Was Frustrated, Conditions Which the Son-in-law Informer Had Not the Nerve to Face.

"Years ago," said an old secret service man, "I was in business in New York. Men at my trade as a detective hear all sorts of stories, some of them long after the knowledge will do any good.

"A friend of mine," said that gentleman, "was one of the inspectors in the New York office. His business was to go aboard boats, ransack the trunks of passengers and overhaul the effects of immigrants.

"One day his chief came to him and said: 'You must such and such a ship when she comes in. She's at the Narrows now. Take with you one of the women of our office, because you will have to search a German girl who is aboard the boat.

"This girl will be with her father, whose name is Schmidt, and who comes from Bremen. He has nothing on him or about him that is wrong, but the girl has a whole handful of diamonds dug up in her back hair.

"There was no time," continued my friend, "to ask any questions as to how my chief knew of the whereabouts of this plant of diamonds. I took the woman inspector, as he directed me, and we went aboard the boat and quickly found our passengers from Bremen.

"As we always did at that time, we contented ourselves with confiscating the diamonds and put the old German and his daughter under arrest. It was a sore blow, and they wailed and wept and beat their bosoms mightily.

"This last, I say, was only a bluff, however, and the people never came back as we had every reason to suppose would be the case. We had no time to try criminals and usually contented ourselves with confiscating the goods which they attempted to smuggle, and as these were generally very valuable it was punishment enough.

"When I found my chief, I told him I had the diamonds all safe enough and had given the old German and his daughter such a scare that none of us need expect to see either of them again. Then I asked him how he knew so accurately about diamonds.

"My chief told me that his information came from the son-in-law of the old man. It seems that the old German had two daughters. The elder one was married and already in this country, living in New York city.

"Naturally the elder sister told her husband, and it was he who informed my chief. What was his object? Why, the infernal rascal expected to get 40 per cent of the proceeds of the confiscated property when sold, being the amount which, in that day, went to the informer.

"I couldn't for the life of me see where my chief and myself and the other boys in the custom house were going to get any part of the proceeds of these diamonds. They were of course reported to the office as confiscated, and their sale would duly take place, but with the reptile son-in-law getting 40 per cent as informer and Uncle Sam the other 55 per cent as confiscator, I couldn't see where we'd get in. But my chief, who was a very intelligent man, made me be of good cheer.

"At one of the sales which the custom house periodically holds the old German's diamonds were duly hawked off. We had not seen either him or his daughter since I turned them loose on the wharf, although I knew from the son-in-law that they were at the house in New York, very much overrejoiced with their loss and the fear of being punished as smugglers, a fear which they were very much fed by, by telling them some awful stories of what happened to people who were caught trying to beat the custom house.

"The diamonds, when sold, if I remember correctly, were taken by Tiffany and brought between \$0,000 and \$10,000. The share due the informer was over \$4,000.

"The amount due to the government was turned over, and shortly following the faithless son-in-law came skulking in to get his share of the money.

"'Certainly,' replied my chief, 'you're the informer, and the money's yours. There is something over \$4,000 coming to you. But I propose to have witnesses when it is paid over. I will pay it to you any time when you bring your wife and her sister and your father-in-law with you to see it done. I intend that they shall witness this transaction and learn just exactly what sort of a cur you are.'

"The son-in-law informer crept away and never returned. He couldn't face the conditions which made his obtaining the money possible. It was not lost, however. You may be sure it went to good people, who knew how to use it."

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