

## A STORMY TIME.

The Reading of the Journal in the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—In the House this morning there was a stormy time over the approval of the Journal. Fifteen and eighteen voted against having it read in full.

Twenty-four voted in opposition to the action of the speaker in sending them to make a quorum yesterday. Turner (R.) and Johnson (D.) voted for the paper and then left the House. He abstained as member as possible.

McKinley got the floor and would not yield to any of his opponents in the House, excepting himself, in the want of which opinion, placing a stack of papers on his shoulder, thunderously declared that should he not get the papers (Copy) called him to order.

Finally the journal was approved and the Senate bill, setting the salaries of United States marshals, etc., \$5,000, was passed in. McKinley's amendment to reduce the salaries to \$4,000, and D. J. Taylor's amendment that the present salaries be increased 20 per cent were both defeated and the bill passed.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Postoffice Appropriation bill, after voting down a motion to adjourn.

After considerable discussion the bill was laid aside, with favorable recommendation.

Coming up the deficiency appropriation bill, but after a long discussion as to the limitation of clause, the committee rose and the House adjourned, without discussing the post-office appropriation bill.

## TO THE SENATE.

In the Senate the same civil appropriation bill was referred.

The Nebraskan Civil Bill was taken up. Morgan introduced the Senate in defense of the bill.

Edmunds, referring to a memorandum of the House, said of capital stock authorized by the Constitution Company (it appearing in the committee report at \$10,000,000), and had a telegram from the president of that company stating that was a mistake for \$1,000,000.

Morgan, contrasting on West's references to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, said "I am a son of Queen Victoria and say 'My leave of your Majesty?' That, he said, was not the American view of the question. It had been agreed upon by the Foreign Ministers, and never would be. No move had ever been made in the Senate at that time, and the Foreign Ministers had the best of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. He was tired of it. The safety argument was totally irrelevant, because the United States could never have given up its rights. The United States did not infringe on any of the conditions of the treaty. He resented that treaty as having been a fraud at the time. It was made up having been manipulated by the Foreign Minister of the British government since that time.

West said there could not be a more unfortunate time than now when the Farmers' Alliance were demanding legislation concerning Whitney. It would never do to refuse that legislation and at the same time guarantee that the Farmers' Alliance would be organized in New York, to be spent on a foreign territory, and in the stamping of Jim Crow negroes, "Dago," Indians, etc.

Tropic spoke against the bill, denouncing himself against any safety argument. The Farmers' Alliance were demanding legislation concerning Whitney. It would never do to refuse that legislation and at the same time guarantee that the Farmers' Alliance would be organized in New York, to be spent on a foreign territory, and in the stamping of Jim Crow negroes, "Dago," Indians, etc.

The subject went over without action.

The conference report on the navy appropriation bill was agreed to. Adjourned.

THE PROBLEMS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Only eight working days remain to the Fifty-first Congress, and from now until the 4th of March the proceedings of both branches will be limited to the consideration of bills introduced before the 1st. The short effect in both houses will be to secure early and complete action on the Appropriations bills, of which but two, the Army and Fortification, have been passed. The others will be made public until they have been engrossed by the house of origin.

The Naval and Consular bill is awaiting an order for conference by the House.

The Sunday Civil Bill has been reported by the Senate Committee and the Senate voted to sustain it.

The Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations bills and the Indian Appropriations bill are in the Senate Committee.

The Post Office, Agricultural and General Deficiency bills await the action of the House.

It is expected the Senate will devote its time during the week mainly to the Appropriations bills, and will begin with the Sunday Civil bill tomorrow and following with the legislative and Indian Appropriations bills. These bills will be introduced in the Senate on Monday, the 2nd, and the other bills previously provided for in the order of business arranged by the Republicans choose.

The Nebraskan Civil bill is unfinished business in this category following the Pure Food Bill and the Cigar Law bill. The Army Appropriations bill, the Post Office Committee bill, the Banking bill, the Court bill, the bill to transfer the Revenue Marine Service to the Navy, and the Pacific Fisheries Bill.

The House adjourned.

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and its need on re-examining will have a considerable effect on the course of action.

The post office appropriation bill is not yet out of the committee of the whole, and the consideration of the agricultural and deficiency bills has not begun.

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