TELEGRAPHIC.

LAST HOPE GONE.

No Financial Legislation at this Session of Congress.

SPRINGER'S BILL DEFEATED.

Forty-four Republicans and Ninety Democrats Voted for It in the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The last hope of financial legislation for the relief of the country at the present session of the Congress went by the board when the House, by a vote of 124 to 151 rejected the conservation bill to authorize an issue of $500,000,000 bonds.

The bill was lost in the manner indicated in last parliamentary usage. This result was reached after three days of spirited and, at times, heated debate, and at the end of a seven hours' session. From 11 a. m. till 3 p.m. today, when the bill with the pending substitutes, was reported to the House from the committee of the whole, amendments were offered in rapid succession, most of which were voted down so fast as they were offered.

The Bell amendment, to make the bonds payable in gold or silver, was defeated by the decisive vote of 178 to 106, while the bill was defeated by 151 to 124. Both the Hard and Soft substitutes, with the amendments thereto, were rejected after the bill was reported to the House.

The Reed amendment, authorizing the issue of gold reserve and redemption certificates to deliver to delinquent revenues, was lost by 159 to 124. It was a party vote, save for the fact that seven Democrats and Clunie (Pop.) of California voted for it.

Before the vote was announced Reed rose and attempted to make an explanation on the part of himself and many of the colleagues who had voted for the bill, but he got no further than the statement that he had made a proposition to Mr. Springer that seemed to him fair, which he was forced down by a chorus of objections from the Democratic side.

Springer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the third reading of the bill was refused, and Hatch (Dem.) of Missouri, moved to lay the motion on the table. The latter motion was carried, 130 to 125. This ended the fight, and the victors made the hall ring with their shouts.

At 9:25 p.m. the House adjourned.

The vote shows that forty-four Republicans and ninety Democrats voted for the bill, and fifty-six Republicans, ninety-seven Democrats and eight Populists voted against it.

Chairman Springer, of the banking and currency committee, was not prepared to say tonight whether any further action would be taken or what would now be done. He was very much disappointed at the result and blamed the Republicans, saying if they had stood by the bill it would have passed. If anything was to be done a new bill would have to be brought in, as the bill voted upon is beyond recall.

All the other Democrats who were for the bill said the vote was the end of anything in the way of finance legislation. There was some talk of a Democratic caucus, but this did not seem probable. The impression prevailed that there would now be another long pause without action.

Ex-Speaker Reed, who tried to make an explanation on the floor of the House, made a brief statement to the press. He said:

"I had, with the support of all the Republicans, presented a proposition which the ruling powers saw fit to refuse. Nevertheless, I had gone further and voted for a bill which contains things which I do not approve of simply to enable the matter to go in the Senate in hope that something might be done. The bill has failed, I now desire to suggest that I have no doubt this side of the House would vote for the second section of my substitute or for any other proposition which has any practical chance of passing."

HAYWARD MURDER TRIAL.

The Theory of the Defense Outlined by Attorney Erwin.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—In the Hayward murder trial today Clara Bilal was again put on the stand. Mr. Erwin asked Bilal if he had not, on November 23d, gone to the Arnold hotel, on Central avenue, with two other men and rented some rooms.

"That's the biggest lie I ever heard," exclaimed Bilal.

Mr. Erwin questioned him closely, but Bilal persisted warm indignation about the alleged occurrence. The hotel register was introduced in evidence, and Erwin asked Bilal if the signature of "Anna W. Talbot, Windy City," was not written by him. Bilal swored utterly that he had ever seen the register.

The examination relative to the day came after court had adjourned this morning. County Attorney Nye examined Attorney Smith of the defense and asserted point blank that the entire story of the hotel register was a fabrication, and that he knew all about it and got it up.

"Do you know anything about it, Nye?" asked Smith, "or I'do away I have not anything to do with it."

"Now, mark you, John Day Smith," said the witness for the state, rousing his fiercest belligerency in the face of the attorney, "I know you and I believe you to be a base villain of the first water, but just as sure as you live, you bring it home to me you."

Hayward was jubilant over the turn of affairs. "I am glad to see," said he, "that the truth is beginning to come out."

Mr. Erwin concluded his cross-examination this afternoon. He only asked the witness in the questions called forth by the evidence that the Cooper Bill, which provides that the coupons will be paid from the proceeds of the sale of green goods dealers who wanted Miss Ging out of the way because she knew too much.

WILD GEESE.

Great Numbers and Water Spread Across in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Feb. 7.—The coldest weather known in Arkansas in the month of February was experienced here today when at 7 a. m. the thermometer registered 2.2 below zero, and the best forecaster predicts a still greater fall in the temperature.

In the country wild geese have been more numerous and more tame than for years. Near Dardanelle, in Yell county, while Mrs. Reiser was at the new gas building a big goose walked up to house and made off with her sun-bonnet which, Mrs. Reiser gave chase with a hoe and recovered the bonnet, which had been severely shaken by the beast.

J. W. Bullard, a Green county farmer, had a lively tussle with a hungry gander while on his house mounted by his thirteen-year-old son. The gander spring upon his little knee from a tree near the residence and the sudden attack frightened himself and his half to death. After a severe encounter he succeeded in killing the animal, but received several slashes from the gander's bill.

Wolves, panthers and other animals are making the night hideous in the bottoms of Saline, Hot Springs, Montgomery and Grant counties, and reports from there say flocks of sheep of several hundred have been decimated by attacks of wolves, while the loss to cattle and hogs is enormous. A wagon containing several negroes was chased for two miles across the bottoms in Westfall county by a pack of wolves, the men only saving themselves by the free use of clubs with which they kept the animals at bay.

IT WAS A FAKE.

The Story of the Capture of the Cooper Crew.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The World this morning prints the following cable:

CHIN KIANG, China, Feb. 7.—To the editor of the World:—There is no truth whatever in the report that any officers of the United States gunboat Concord have been captured or arrested by the Chinese here. Moreover, there has been no trouble of any sort in which the Concord's officers or any Americans are involved.

(Signed.) ALONZO C. JONES,
United States Consul.

ITALY AND ENGLAND.

Betrothal of Princess Maud, of Wales, to the Italian Crown Prince.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A dispatch from Rome to The Chronicle says that inquiry in well-informed quarters confirms the news of the betrothal of the crown prince of Italy and Princess Maud, of Wales. The wedding has been fixed to take place in May, previous to which time the Prince of Wales will visit Italy.

U. P. DEBT.

An Offer to Pay the Government the Principal When Due.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Before the House committee on railroads today Chairman Reilly read a letter from Dolmetsch, a Holland banker, representing the Dutch holders of the Union Pacific securities, who appeared before the committee last summer. It contained an offer to pay to the government the principal of all government guaranteed bonds of the Union Pacific as they fall due and to furnish good guarantees for carrying out the plan if the government will agree to it.

There are about $64,000,000 guaranteed bonds of the Union Pacific. The proposition brought up a discussion of the plan to accept payment for all the government aided roads on the same terms. Tale is the plan offered as a substitute for the Reilly bill by Representative Turner and one which Reilly made heard to favor.

The consensus of opinion in the committee is that the Reilly bill will not get a hearing from this Congress.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Feb. 7.—Today in the United States court Attorney Fleming Bowe filed a bill of enforcement in the $27,229,000 first mortgage foreclosure suit against the Union Pacific Railway company for the United States and made off with two money-coined skins. Mr. Bowe gave notice with a big pen and recorded the proceed, who had been severely silent by the best