

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The Prospects of the Finance Bill in Congress.

A Bill Authorizing Privateering Passed by the Senate.

The Louisiana Members Admitted to Seats in the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 1863.

THE FINANCE BILL.—ADoption OF MR. CHASE'S POLICY.

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naval officers, and advertisements for proposals to build have been made according to law.

The provision for building a floating dock at New York is stricken out, and the appropriation for the items of the second containing it is reduced from \$1,210,000 to \$625,000.

The appropriation for the dry dock at Norfolk (\$35,000) and the Naval Hospital (\$18,000) are stricken out, and also that of \$17,000 for the Naval Hospital at Mount City, Ill.

The provision for an extra midshipman for each Congressional district during the rebellion is omitted.

Three prize cases, involving in the result the decision millions of dollars, are drawing to a close in the Supreme Court, and will probably be finished this week.

It is now under argument—Charles Eames, of this city, and Wm. M. Bryant, of New York, representing the government, and Charles Edwards and Daniel Lord, of New York, representing the claimants.

Information has been received here that the United States steamer Reliance, Capt. McCowan, captured in the month of January, and brought to Baltimore on the 11th inst., the sloop Clara and schooner North Star, while attempting to run the blockade, loaded with contraband goods.

Mr. Forster, (rep. of Ohio), called up the bill to facilitate for the allowance of pensions. Passed.

Mr. Forster also called up the bill to give greater efficiency to the judiciary system of the United States. Passed.

The Senate then went into executive session, after which it adjourned.

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