DISCUSS WATER WAY

International Assembly Will Meet In Russia Next Year.

IS NOW OF SPECIAL INTEREST

American Congress Is Now Considering Largest Appropriation for Rivers and Harbors of Its History - Water Ways Needed.

tions from Russia that the Eleventa International Navigation Congress is to be held there in May, 1908, has the government the fact that waterway savigation is commanding the attention of the whole world. The forthcoming meeting which will be held In St. Petersburg, will be attended by tion that the question has ever recelyed abroad. In forwarding the notification, consul tieneral Warm reports;

"The purpose of the congress is to create an facreage of general Interest cal questions relating to hydrotechniend construction own and rivers. The Industrial, commercial and technical exploitation of rivers and scaports. Reports on these subjects will be publicby discussed and scientific excursions organized in order to study hydrotechnical works, seaports and waterways

This evidence that Russia is awakening to the necessity for developing it great navigable rivers is of special interest at a time when the House has approved and the Senate is considering the greatest appropriation bill ever framed for development work on the rivers and harbors of the United States. It goes to prove that the great commercial nations realize that they must undertake such development work if they are to be considered factors in the trade of the world, England, Germany and France long have recognized that thorough and steady development affords certain assurance of commanding positions in the foreign trade, and as a result these three nations have captured and are holding markets that rightfully along to the

Aside from the advantage gained by these foreign rivals in lower transportation charges, the fact that the railroads of this country are unable to handle promptly the enormous traffic of the United States is an added reason why world-markets are being wrested from American manufacturers. The national government has not been devoting funds sufficient to insure development of waterway transportation and, in his recent speech in the House, Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, pointed out that in the past less than three per cent of the total apropriations of the government have been devoted to internal Improvements.

In an appeal for fair recognition of this important work, he said:

"I carnestly implore you to study this great subject of waterway improvement, to my mind the most important one today before the American people, and use your great influence In and out of Congress in favor of a broad and liberal, and truly national policy toward our waterways, in favor of an annual rivers and harbors bill carrying \$50,000,000 every year."

Mr. Ransdell's appeal was greeted with loud applause, disclosing the new and favoring attitude taken by Congress in respect to the question. It is not known yet whether the national government of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress will appoint delegates to the Russian meeting, but it is altogether probable that some such action will be taken.

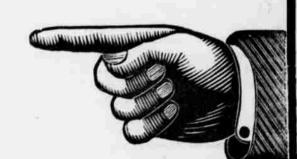
It is seldom that anything that can be viewed in the light of a joke creeps into the solemn, stald and respectable pages of the Dally Consular and Trade Report, issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor. However, such an occurrence took place this week, and his official colleagues are joking considerable fun at "Jimmy Garfield, Commissioner of Corporations."

vester Company, which has been dou- and Labor has been striving, ever bled with the title of the "Harvester since its organization, to advance this Delivered by carrier.



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of the public mind there is a surprisingly small tendency to credit any socalled "trust" with possessing powis published this week in the Daily Consular Report, dwelling on the increased sale of American goods in the

Kaiser's empire. In the course of this

"American mowers, reapers, harvesters, hay rakes and a few other agricultural implements have had a considerable sale in this part of Germany, American mower and harvester in so many grass and grain fields of the concerned itself so little with the conought to be sold, with which the Euro-

can agent for American goods," This recognition, from one on the Pursuant to a resolution introduced ground, of the International Harvester by Senator Banshorough of North Da-, Company's work in creating a foreign kota and adopted by the Senate, Com- market for American manufacturers missioner Garfield is undertaking an is really laughable when it is consider-"investigation" of International Har- ed that the Department of Commerce

and no branch has more fully demon-

strated the superiority of the Ameri-

trust." In the present inflamed state foreign commerce. The Department now is put in the attitude of aid in the tearing down of one of its strongest allies. It is a decidedly uncomfortaers for good. However, United States ble position for the officials and it is Consul H. W. Harris of Mannheim, not altogether likely that Commission-Germany, has sent in a report, which er Garfield appreciates the full value

There is a well-defined basis for the bellef, however, that the inquiry into the "harvester trust" will go far to putting the corporation question right before the American people. If the government had such an end in view it could not have selected a more favorable medium for attaining its ends. largely to the consummate in spite of the greatly increased price with which they have of steel and other raw materials, this been handled. No more admirable corporation has maintained a practitext book could be placed in the hands' cally uniform price on its finished proof those who would sell American pro- duct, and the American farmer today ducts abroad than a concise history is paying almost the same for his agof the methods which have placed an ricultural machinery as he did five years ago. The International Harvester Company, it is declared, has world. Probably no other branch has been enabled to do this because of the elimination of destructive competition and the cheaper cost of production consequent upon the consolidation of warring trade elements.

pean agent is apt to be well supplied, In the meantime envious acquaintances of Commissioner Garfield are chuckling over the naive report of Consul Harris and wondering what Mr. Garfield's official report of the investigation will be. It has put him in rather a peculiar position.

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