

**WASHINGTON LETTER**

**Congress Looking Forward to Considerable Labor**

**LEGISLATION ON FINANCES**

**No Foundation for Financial Flurry Shown by Department of Commerce—Aerial Navigation Given Consideration—Bill to Imburse Agents for Injuries.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Congress is looking forward to another period of high pressure brought to bear upon it by coming expositions. An appropriation of \$1,175,000 is to be asked for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition which will be held in Seattle from June 1 to October 15, 1909. In addition, government financial aid will be asked for an international mining exposition to be held in New York City in May and June of next year, and a third exposition, which contemplates moving from a city in South America will ask for endorsement of the government. A delegation of some of the leading citizens of the State of Washington will be here shortly after Congress reconvenes to urge the appropriation asked for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair. It will be explained mainly to the Senate and House Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions that the Pacific slope show is not asking a dollar of loan from the government, but that the money being sought for is only from government buildings and exhibits. As the State of Washington has appropriated only \$1,000,000 in aid of the fair, the modesty of the demand upon the government is apparent.

That there was no foundation for the recent financial flurry is shown by the report of the Department of Commerce and Labor on the foreign commerce of the United States. The report shows that for the first time in the history of the country the monthly export record crossed the two-hundred-million-dollar line, the total for November 1907 being \$204,444,360. There were exported during the first ten months of this year to South America countries \$71,000,000 worth of goods, as against \$64,000,000 in the same months of last year. This country took from South America, however, \$126,600,000 worth of materials, as against \$111,000,000 in corresponding ten months of 1906. It will be observed that the balance of trade between this country and South America is in favor of the latter, for the United States is increasing in its purchases from Latin-American nations more rapidly than it is pushing its sales to those countries. This may be attributed to the fact that the United States has not developed a cheap method of transportation, one that will enable it to get its products from the interior to the seaboard at a cost low enough to enable it to compete with European competitors whose developed rivers and canals offer the cheapest and most effective carriage. This phase of the question was brought out forcefully at the recent convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress by M. Jussertnd, the French Ambassador to the United States, who spoke at length on the great strides being made by his government in the development of the rivers and harbors of France and in the upbuilding of a magnificent system of canals. The National Rivers and Harbors Congress, as is well known, is urging upon the national government the necessity for expending \$50,000,000 or more annually to press this class of work in this country.

Judging by the number of letters pouring in upon the Army Signal Corps, every second man in the United States, and a considerable proportion of the women, have locked in their breasts the secret of the navigation of the air. General Allen and his assistants are almost smothered each day by the letters from inventors of flying machines. This deluge of letters is due to the publicity given the Department's desire to purchase a dirigible balloon for experimental purposes. Proposals have been asked for from inventors, and although few bona fide proposals have yet been received, it is expected that they will come in with a rush before the date set for a decision, which is January 15 for dirigible balloons and February 1 for airships heavier than air. The experiment will be made at Fort Myer, Va., and in the estimates for appropriations submitted to Congress recently an item of \$200,000 was included to provide for them.

There are indications that Congress will sit up o' nights on the currency question. Already a number of bills have been introduced on the subject,

and a large number of others are in course of preparation. Senator Burkett of Nebraska has proposed a measure to forfeit the charters of national banks for the unlawful acts of the many officers of such banks that were known to the directors of the institutions. There is also an effort to revive the bill proposed in 1893 by William J. Bryan to guarantee depositors in national banks against loss, through the creation of a sinking fund. Senator Smith of Michigan also has a bill to change the manner of paying bank examiners from the fee system now in vogue to a salary basis providing for a flat salary of \$4,000 a year. In this way, it is thought, the vigilance of the examining staff would be increased and the chances for slack work be reduced to a minimum.

A bill that is exciting considerable interest is in course of preparation at the Treasury Department. It authorizes the creation of a fund to reimburse special agents of the internal revenue bureau for money expended for medical, hospital or burial expenses and other charges arising from injuries received by the agents in their work in enforcing the revenue laws. This has to do mostly with the men who are playfully ambushed in the mountains when in search for illicit whisky stills. The work of internal revenue agents is particularly hazardous, especially in the South, when dealing with moonshiners. For many years there has been complaint from this class of government employes that when they risked their lives in the service of the government they have been compelled to pay doctors' bills if injured and, if killed, their families have been forced to pay the funeral expenses. The bill will be introduced in both the Senate and the House immediately after the holiday recess.

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"What's the matter?" asked the man who was sitting at the next window of the club.

"Here's an article about training a dog," replied the man who had been reading the paper. "It says the first thing to do is to attach the dog to you."

Thereupon the man laughed some more.

"Well, what of it?" persisted the man at the next window.

"Why, hang it all," exclaimed the man who was so amused, "it seems so absurd, you know. My experience is that a dog will attach himself to you if you give him any provocation"—Exchange.

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**DARROW RECOVERING.**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—Clarence Darrow has so far recovered as to be removed to his private apartments. It is believed an operation is unnecessary.

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**Disturbed the Congregation**

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

The United States will be represented in the Tokio world's fair a few years hence; but not by American stewards in the restaurants. But then the show will have an honorable court of cherry blossoms instead of a pike, warpath or midway.

**Simple Remedy For La Grippe**

La grippe coughs are dangerous as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough but heals and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes.

**In a Bad Way.**

There is a Pennsylvania divine who is not averse to telling a good story at his own expense.

Once in addressing a misspelled meeting in Philadelphia which was attended mainly by sailors the good man had sought to adapt his remarks to his hearers by using nautical similes, and in so doing he ventured somewhat beyond his depth.

"And now what shall we do—what shall we do?"

"Nothin' doin', cap'n!" sang out one of the sailors. "Ye're in bad! Ye're yoin' in starv'ntence!"

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**HATS ARE WITNESSES.**

Fifteen Hundred Chapeaux Are Haled Into Court.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Fifteen hundred straw hats will take the stand in Judge

Blake's court today and attempt to prove to the judge and jury that they are no good. They were called as witnesses yesterday by Albert Moses of Albert Moses & Sons, hat dealers. The firm is being sued for \$3100 by the Central Hat Company who sold the hats to the Moses firm and claim that they never received payment for them. Moses

acknowledged that the company never received the money but maintains that they do not deserve it for the hats which they delivered to him were out of date, bent, stained, faded, shopworn and unsalable.

Yesterday when the case began, the defendants had a dozen hats as samples to prove their case. But the plaintiff was not satisfied and demanded full

proof. Twenty minutes later a wagon loaded with hats backed up to the municipal court building. It took the court bailiffs several hours to bring the hats into court and when their work was ended there was a pile of woven straw that reached the ceiling and filled the room.

And today the judge and jury must look carefully at each one of them.

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