

GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN AND ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTS.

Prospective Resignation of Appointment Clerk Eugene Higgins.

About Eighty People Attend the President's Reception Today.

His Resignation Again Rumored.—The report is revived that Appointment Clerk Higgins is about to resign from the Treasury Department to return to private business.

In Memory of E. M. Watson.—A meeting of the bar was held in the Court of Claims this afternoon to take appropriate action in reference to the death of Assistant Attorney-General E. M. Watson.

The President to Go to Philadelphia.—President Cleveland has accepted an invitation to a dinner at the Hotel Bellevue, in Philadelphia, to be given January 25 by the Society of the Constitutional Centennial Commission.

The Fisheries Commission.—The Fisheries Commissioners have postponed further conferences until January 4, and Sir Charles Tytler has returned to Ottawa. Secretary Sayard has invited his fellow-negotiators to a trip to Mount Vernon today on the Despatch.

Colonel Saxton's Retirement.—The order directing Colonel Rufus Saxton, Assistant Quartermaster-General, after closing his accounts, to repair to Germantown, Pa., has been amended so to direct him to repair to his home at Washington, D. C., to await retirement.

Sugar-Making in Mexico.—Consul William R. Grathouse reports to the State Department from Tampico, Mexico, that a centrifugal sugar mill has been erected at San Luis Potosi, and the growth and manufacture of refined sugar will be attempted on an extensive scale.

Eugene Higgins' Retirement.—Mr. Eugene Higgins, Appointment Clerk of the Treasury Department, said this morning that he intended to resign at an early date. His retirement is purely voluntary, and is, he states, due to no other reason than a desire to attend to his private business.

Portrait of General Sheridan.—A half-length portrait of General Sheridan, by Mr. Leonard Barmat of Philadelphia, is on exhibition at the War Department. It is one of the three portraits which have been presented to West Point Military Academy by General W. Childs of Philadelphia.

General Ruger's Report.—Brigadier-General Ruger, commanding Department of Dakota, states in his annual report that there has been a great decrease in the present year, as compared with former years, in Indian depredations and in raids between neighboring Indians. The better state of affairs is attributed to continued activity on the part of the troops and the gradual accommodation to their more dependent condition, following the extinction of the buffalo and the loss of their former place of refuge.

Minor and Personal.—The President's reception at 120 to-day was attended by about eighty people. The findings of the court-martial in the case of Lieutenant H. C. Fisher, Marine Corps, have been received at the Navy Department.

THE "BRANCH" BRIDGE.

The Railroad Company Submits a Proposition to Colonel Haines.

Work was last week recommenced on the Branch bridge. No more work will be done on the northern abutment, over the location of which the trouble began, until that trouble is settled finally. The work now being done is the driving of piles for the piers that are to be located in the water.

Last week the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad officials and the representatives of the bridge company met in Wilmington to confer about the trouble, and they reached an agreement which will be formally submitted to the War Department through Colonel Haines.

This proposition contemplates the straightening of the tracks, so that they will run in a straight line in the direction of the main portion of the railroad bridge to a point nearly opposite L Street south, where they will curve to the west and enter the city at the same point where they now do. At present there are three curves in the track between the end of the bridge and the city proper. If altered according to this plan there will be but one.

The tracks, according to the proposed plan, will come down over the waters of the Branch on a trestle bridge, and pass under one of the water spans of the proposed bridge, not under the shore span as before contemplated.

Colonel Haines said to a *Currier* reporter today that the proposition of the railroad company to straighten their tracks had been made to him Saturday, and that he had answered that he could not consider it all until placed before him in writing, after which he will submit it to the Secretary of War.

"Yes," said Colonel Haines, in answer to a question, "the bridge can be finished within the sum specified in the contract. As to making the bridge cost more than the original appropriation provided, that cannot be done."

The railroad company's proposition will probably be received in a few days and then laid before the Secretary.

Real Estate Sales.

Seamur W. Tullock, trustee, to Wm. V. Cox, \$25,775, subject A. square 352, property 21 feet on Maryland avenue and 57 feet on Tenth street southwest.

John L. Weaver to Mary R. Campbell, \$50,000, subject 25x55, square 98, fronting 58 feet on Twentieth street and 50 feet on Boundary northwest.

Era W. Clark to Wm. H. Barstow, \$70,000, part of Woodley, 21.9 acres on the Woodley road.

The "Fence" Convicted.

Harriet A. Dorsey, the colored woman at whose house, on Twenty-sixth street, the clothing and silverware stolen from Senator Delph and Mrs. Marshall was found, was tried in the Police Court this morning. Detectives Rad and Horne testified to finding the articles. Mr. Carrington, for the defense, put on a number of witnesses who testified to Mrs. Dorsey's good character. Judge Snel imposed a fine of \$50.

Dr. Lindsay's Successor.

Rev. Jacob A. Regeer, who has resigned the position of assistant minister at Grace Church, Baltimore, will leave that city on Thursday for his new charge at St. John's Church, Georgetown, of which he has been elected rector, to succeed the Rev. Dr. John S. Lindsay.

A solid cut-glass bedstead, richly worked, was lately made at Birmingham, England, for a Calcutta millionaire.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

Full List of the Standing Committees of the Senate.

The Democratic Senators in caucus this morning finally agreed upon their committee representation, as will be shown by the complete list of Senate committees printed below:

The Committees on Engrossed Bills, Epidemic Diseases, Potomac River Improvement, Additional Appropriations for Library, Neaguan Claims, Private Land Claims, Revolutionary Claims and Woman Suffrage have Democratic chairmen.

THE COMMITTEES.

Agriculture—Palmer, Blair, Plumb, Sablin, Padlock, George, Gibson, Jones and Hale. Appropriations—Allison, Dawes, Plumb, Hale, Farwell, Beck, Cockrell, Call and Gorman.

Census—Hale, Morrill, Wilson of Iowa, Stockbridge, Davis, Berry, Blodgett, Daniel and Turpie.

Contingent Expenses—Jones of Nevada, Padlock and Vance.

Civil Service—Chace, Dawes, Manderson, Standen, Hawley, Voorhees, Walcott, Wilson of Maryland, and Berry.

Coast Defense—Dolph, Cameron, Hawley, Hiseock, McPherson, Hampton and Reagan.

Commerce—Frye, Jones of Nevada, Dolph, Cameron, Sawyer, Callum, Palmer, Ransom, Gorman, Kenna, Coke, Vest and Olcott.

Claims—Spencer, Hawk, Mitchell, Stewart, Quay, Jones of Arkansas, Wilson of Maryland, Pace and Faulkner.

Centennial of the Constitution and Celebration of the Discovery of America—Hiseock, Sherman, Hoar, Hawley, Voorhees, Eastis and Colquitt.

District of Columbia—Ingalls, Spooner, Chace, Riddleberger, Farwell, Harris, Vance, Blackburn and Faulkner.

Education and Labor—Blair, Dawes, Palmer, Sawyer, Wilson of Iowa, Call, Pugh, George and Payne.

Enrolled Bills—Dawes, Sablin and Colquitt.

Engrossed Bills—Saulsbury, Allison and Call.

Epidemic Diseases—Harris, Stanford, Chandler, Stockbridge, Hampton, Eastis and Berry.

Expenditures of Public Money—Farwell, Plumb, Platt, Sherman, Frye, Beck, Kenna and Allison.

To Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service—Quay, Aldrich, Allison, Hampton and Gray.

Finance—Morrill, Sherman, Jones of Nevada, Allison, Aldrich, Hiseock, Beck, McPherson, Voorhees, Harris and Vance.

Fisheries—Stockbridge, Dawes, Stanford, Hampton and Blodgett.

Foreign Relations—Sherman, Edmunds, Frye, Evans, Dolph, Morgan, Brown, Saulsbury and Payne.

Improvement of the Potomac River Front—Manderson, Riddleberger, McPherson, Spooner, Ransom and Hearst.

Improvements of the Mississippi River—Padlock, Chandler, Farwell, Hawley, Eastis, Beck and Walcott.

Interstate Commerce—Callum, Platt, Blair, Wilson of Iowa, Hiseock, Harris, Gorman, Eastis and Reagan.

Indian Traders—Chandler, Platt, Callum, Coke and Blackburn.

Indian Affairs—Dawes, Bowen, Sablin, Platt, Stockbridge, Morgan, Jones of Arkansas, Hearst and Daniel.

Judiciary—Edmunds, Ingalls, Hawk, Wilson of Iowa, Evans, Pugh, Coke, Vest and George.

Library—Evarts, Hoar and Voorhees.

Additional Appropriations for Library—Voorhees, Morrill, Chandler, Butler and Gibson.

Manufactures—Riddleberger, Sablin, Quay, Colquitt and Blodgett.

Neaguan Claims—Morgan, Hoar, Cameron, Wilson of Maryland and Hearst.

Military Affairs—Hawley, Cameron, Manderson, Stewart, Davis, Cockrell, Hampton, Walcott and Bate.

Naval Affairs—Cameron, Hale, Riddleberger, Stanford, Chandler, McPherson, Butler, Blackburn and Gray.

Mines and Mining—Stewart, Jones of Nevada, Mitchell, Teller, Bate, Turpie and Faulkner.

Patents—Teller, Chace, Platt, Hiseock, Jones of Arkansas, Gray and Kenna.

Privileges and Elections—Hoar, Frye, Teller, Evans, Spooner, Saulsbury, Vance, Pugh and Erdie.

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THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

The Centennial of Constitutional Government in America.

Important Action Upon These Great Projects in Both Houses of Congress To-day.

In behalf of the National Board of Promotion, composed of Governors of thirty-two States and Territories, one hundred and fifty-five presidents and secretaries of Boards of Trade throughout the United States and other prominent citizens, representing in all forty-five States and Territories, Senator Forster of Maryland introduced in the Senate to-day the following bill, which was referred to the Select Committee on the Centennial of the Constitution and the Discovery of America:

A BILL.

To provide for a joint celebration at the National Capital in 1892 by the sixteen American Republics in honor of the centennial of the Constitution of the parent Republic, the United States.

Whereas the spring of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine will be the one hundredth anniversary of the Constitution of the United States;

And whereas the fifteen Spanish-American Republics have, to a greater or less extent, taken the Constitution of the United States as a model of their organic laws; therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That in order to prepare for an appropriate celebration of this great historic event, the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and requested to invite the Presidents, Chief Justices and Ministers of the fifteen Spanish-American Republics, namely, Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Salvador, Honduras, the United States of Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Ecuador, and the Argentine Republic, to visit Washington in the spring of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and join with the President of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Governors of the forty-six States and Territories, and others who may be invited, in suitable ceremonies in honor of said event.

Sec. 2. That for the purpose of making adequate preparations for said celebration a commission of nine members, to be known as the Constitutional Centennial Commission, is hereby authorized, to be appointed as follows: Three by the President of the United States, three by the President of the Senate and three by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which commission shall have charge of the preparations for, and the ceremonies of, said celebration.

Sec. 3. That the sum of \$500,000, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise disposed of, be, and is hereby, appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray in a manner best approved by the President of the United States the expenses incident to the celebration of said event.

Sec. 4. That said Commission shall from time to time report directly to the President of the United States.

The select committee of the Senate to whom this bill was referred consists of Senators Hiseock of New York, Sherman of Ohio, Hoar of Massachusetts, Hawley of Connecticut, Voorhees of Indiana, Colquitt of Georgia and Eastis of Louisiana.

House Proceedings.

In the House of Representatives General Charles E. Hooker of Mississippi introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

Resolved, That a committee of seven members of the House be appointed, to be known as the Select Committee on the "Centennial of the Constitution and the Discovery of America," to consider the expediency of celebrating in 1892 the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of the Constitution of the United States, and in 1892 the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

Alexander's Novel.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 10.—The Democratic caucus Saturday night C. W. Sammers was nominated for Council over J. T. Harrison by a vote of 21 to 19.

Julian W. Holt has been elected a delegate to the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, which convenes at Danville in February.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 12.—The trial of "Billy" Williams for the murder of Policeman Arnold will probably come up at the February term of the Corporation Court, but it is not generally believed that there is sufficient evidence to convict.

The Fanchon Club, whose dances have been so largely attended this season by guests from Washington, will give the third of the series at McBurney's Hall, January 11.

The young ladies of Trinity M. E. Church, under the instruction of Lieutenant Monroe of the Light Infantry, are daily practicing for an exhibition drill, which will be given at the Opera House for the benefit of that church, December 23.

The Great Donkey.

The singer of THE WASHINGTON CURRICULARS in a truly inclusive style when he thus began the appointment to the Cabinet of that cast-iron Democratic politician, Don Dickinson:

And Grover named the great Donkey, With fear and trembling, we confess, Not that he loved the Donkey more than I, But that he loved the Magwumps less.

Verily the *Magwumps* resemble the *Magwumps* by rights, not on the great Donkey. He is a man without a party, and he looks like a change of the light green color of the two-cent stamp to a good and healthy brown, as it should be.—[New York Sun.]

Temperance Pound Party.

The Temperance House for Soldiers, Sailors and Civilians, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., will hold a pound party at their home, No. 329 Missouri avenue northwest, this evening.

Ocean Steamships Arrived.

At New York—Normandie from Havre; Aurania from Liverpool; Rudia from Harburg; Geiser from Christiania.

Imparting Information.

Teacher—Yes, children, the hairs of our head are all numbered.

Smart Boy (pulling out a hair and presenting it)—Well, what's the number of this hair?

Teacher—Number one, Johnny, and (pulling out several more) these are numbers two, three, four, five and six. Anything else you want to know?

Smart Boy—None, sir.—[Harper's Bazar.]

The Noticeable Features.

First Pittsburg Citizen—You saw Congress open, did you?

Second Pittsburg Citizen—Yes; I watched the proceedings two days.

MR. FARWELL'S BANK BILL.

The Objections To It As Stated By a Chicago Bank President.

Mr. Lyman J. Gage of the First National Bank of Chicago is not altogether in favor of Senator Farwell's bank bill, which proposes to give national banks the privilege to put up railroad bonds of an approved kind, at 30 cents on the dollar, and municipal bonds at the rate of 75 per cent.

Mr. Gage says: "Suppose, in a community in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa or Minnesota the people feel the need of a bank. They put together their funds and make a capital of \$100,000. When this is done there is, it is claimed, \$100,000 that may be loaned. If such a bank took out circulation on railroad bonds, it would, in place, it would deposit \$100,000 with the Government for circulating notes, and would receive in circulating notes \$50,000. It is plain enough that in such a case a bank would have \$50,000 to loan the community where it is situated, instead of \$100,000, and there would be a real depletion of loanable capital of \$50,000." Another objection is that there would be no profit to such a bank in taking out of circulation over what there would be in lending its capital direct without circulation.

MORE STREET RAILWAYS.

Incorporators Request the Commissioners' Approval of Their Plans.

The Commissioners this morning, in response to a request for their approval of the chartering of two new street railways in the city, wrote two important letters.

They had no particular objection to the roads in question, but thought some of the unnecessary multiplication of car-tracks on the city should be avoided. They also held that the consent of property-owners along the lines should be obtained; that a proportion of the proceeds of the business should be paid to the District, which should have control over the details of construction.

The incorporators of the proposed Georgetown and Tenleytown Railway, called on the Commissioners this morning, and submitted their plans. A description of which recently appeared in *The Critic*.

The Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company have submitted a bill for the extension of their line from Sixth and M streets southwest, to Seventh street and Louisiana avenue, via Sixth street, and from Eleventh and M streets southeast, to C, thence west, via C street, Indiana and Louisiana avenues, to Seventh street west.

What Will He Do With It?

Grover C. National Enquirer: "There's no use throwing our ballast (anticipated interest and hope) into the old wind-bag at once."

See Cleveland's trial the big balloon. To let the wind blow it away. "Why don't you make a bigger hole?" The watching millions shout.

WHERE AUBERTIN LIVES.

THE ASSAULT OF M. FERRY REGARDED AS A DANGEROUS LUNATIC.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The home of Aubertin, who shot M. Ferry, was found to be in a garret in Palais Royal, where he lives with an elderly woman who claims to have snubbed a fortune in Aubertin's schemes and patents. It is learned that the prisoner's father committed suicide over business troubles. Aubertin is regarded as a dangerous lunatic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Money 3 per cent. exchange steady; posted rates, 48 1/4-48 1/2; Government steady, currency 90, 110 bid, 125 bid; 125 bid; 125 bid.

The stock market this morning opened dull at unchanged prices. The hour, however, soon began to tell the list. They especially hammered the coal stocks, and prices under their lead declined 1 per cent. The market was the least to meet prices recovered promptly and at the present writing the market is dull but steady. Lending is the strongest stock.

The Dempsey and Reagan Match.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Dempsey and Reagan, their backers, the referees, half a dozen club men and three sporting reporters boarded a steamboat lying at an updock dock last night. It is likely the fight will take place near the Casino, where Dempsey, who has been spotted since he was captured by LeBlanc, has received a number of letters warning him that the Reagan people will do anything to win and to keep the fight at the Casino.

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His Congregation With Him.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Pastor Grimbine of the First Universalist Church appealed to his congregation yesterday against a request from the trustees for his resignation because of his advocacy of Henry George's ideas. The congregation resolved itself into a business meeting, and after much confusion it was decided to postpone the matter a week. The majority are in favor of Mr. Grimbine, and he will doubtless be retained.

Money Was His Ruin.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 12.—Saturday afternoon the death of Charles Zetter occurred in the county hospital, where he was taken suffering with delirium tremens. Zetter's life of dissipation dates from the time of his receiving a large reward for aiding in the capture of Tiller, the St. Louis express robber.

Fall of a Bridge Span.

MONROEVILLE, ALA., Dec. 12.—The center span of the Louisville and Nashville road bridge over the Alabama River, five miles above Montgomery, fell in yesterday afternoon. Eight men were down. Charles W. Sherwood of Louisville, Ky., was drowned.

Arrested for Election Frauds.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—Thomas J. Logan, chairman of the Democratic County Committee in 1885, was arrested here Saturday night by detectives and taken to Columbus yesterday to answer to an indictment for election frauds there two years ago.

A Cold Wave Coming.

The Signal office announces a cold wave and a fall of about 24 inches in four hours.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE.

Among Them the Memorial Bridge and Dependent Pension Bills.

Speaker Carlisle Requests the House to Appoint the Committee on Elections.

When the Senate convened to-day there were not half a dozen vacant seats on either side of the chamber. After the Journal had been read Mr. Hoar presented the list of committees agreed upon by the Republican and Democratic caucuses. The list was read and adopted without dissent.

Petitions and memorials began to pour in from all points of the chamber. The petitions called for increased compensation for postmasters, for prohibition, for woman suffrage, for pensions, against the admission of Utah, and for immemorial other objects.

Mr. Prudden arrived from the White House with a long list of recess appointments, together with the following nominations of postmasters:

William W. Fish, Abol, Mass.; Frank A. Campbell, Woonsocket, R. I.; Louis T. Long, Greenville, Ala.; James W. White, Clark, Jacksonville, Fla.; H. H. Hinchey, Dighton, Kas.; William W. Threlkeld, Scott, Neb.; Herbert Rottenberg, Hay Springs, Neb.; Frank Pay, Beakman, Neb.; Clark, Clark, Jacksonville, Fla.; William S. Morrow, Nashville, Ill.; Hugh C. Armstrong, Neosho, Mo.

When the introduction of bills for reference to committees was in order a series of Senators were on their feet.

Mr. Dawes introduced a bill to grant lands in severalty to Sioux Indians in Dakota.

Mr. Beck, to provide for the issue of coin certificates.

Mr. Dolph, to encourage American manufacture of heavy ordnance and steel, and to repeal the pre-emption and timber culture land laws.

By Mr. Harris, to provide for warehouse fruit brands.

By Mr. Cameron, to admit certain foreign vessels to American registry; also to incorporate the American Trust Company of the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Eastis, for a new postoffice building at New Orleans; also a bill referring to the Centennial of the Constitution.

By Mr. Morrill, for a bronze statue in this city of Professor Spencer F. Baird; also for the return of direct taxes to the States and to reform our immigration laws.

By Mr. Spooner, to regulate the manufacture of gas in the District of Columbia.

MEMORIAL READING.

By Mr. Butler, to provide for a grand memorial bridge across the Potomac River from Observatory Hill.

By Mr. Aldrich, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to apply the surplus in the Treasury to the purchase of United States bonds.

By Mr. Manderson, the Dependent Pension bill, introduced by the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Manderson said he would address the Senate in favor of the bill.

"Put it upon its passage now," remarked Mr. Edmunds.

By Mr. Vance, to repeal the Civil Service law.

By Mr. Stewart, for the issue of coin certificates.

By Mr. Blair, to prevent adulteration of food in the District of Columbia; also to establish a Government Bureau of Fine Arts.

By Mr. Callum, to grant a pension of \$2,000 to the widow of General Logan.

By Mr. Hale, to prohibit the employment of convict labor on public works.

By Mr. Vest, to provide for the work of public printing by the lowest bidder.

By Mr. Padlock, to amend the second and fourth sections of the Interstate Commerce law.

By Mr. Reagan, to amend section four of the Interstate Commerce act (the long-and-short-haul clause).

By Mr. Farwell, to repeal the tax on oleomargarine. A dispute over the reference of the bill followed, but the bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, objections being withdrawn.

By Mr. Blair, the Educational bill and a bill to grant suffrage to women; also his bill of last session to restrict the sale of opium.

By Mr. Edmunds, to establish a Government postal telegraph system; also to provide for an infirmary asylum in this District.

By Mr. Hoar, for the erection of a monument at Howard University to the colored soldiers and sailors killed in the war.

By Mr. Edmunds, to pay Professor Baird's widow for the eleven years' gratuitous service rendered by her husband as Fish Commissioner.

Mr. Sherman introduced a petition from the citizens of this District in favor of water gas.

IMPORTANT LOCAL COMMITTEES.

The committees embrace several of local importance.

The District Committee is changed from that of last year by losing the services of Messrs. Palmer, Cheney and Brown and gaining those of Riddleberger, Farwell and Faulkner. Mr. Riddleberger has served on the committee before, and at one time took a very active part in its work.

The committee ranking next in local importance is that on the improvement of the Potomac River front. Mr. McPherson retains the chairmanship, and Senator Ransom, who has been the active member, retains his membership.

The other members are Manderson, Riddleberger, Spooner and Hearst, and the committee has several members sincerely interested in the progress and welfare of the District. The committee has heretofore had a Republican majority, but is now evenly divided.

The Committee on the New Library Building is again under the chairmanship of Mr. Voorhees, who has led the movement in Congress for years. The other members are Senators Butler, Gibson, Morrill and Chandler.

The Committee on Celebration of the Constitutional Centennial will consist of Senator Hiseock (chairman) and Senators Sherman, Hoar, Voorhees, Eastis and Colquitt.

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

The new Senate District Committee will meet as soon as possible, for purposes of organization, and will undoubtedly continue Friday as the regular weekly meeting day.

The Subcommittee on Federal Jurisdiction will be authorized to proceed with its work.

THE HOUSE FRONT COMMITTEE.

The new Senate Committee on the Potomac River Front is well-informed as to the necessity for carrying on this work of improvement, and will unquestionably insist upon the appropriation of the amount asked by Colonel Haines.

The question as to whether a special bill is desirable will receive consideration.