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SENATE INVESTIGATES RACE TRACK GAMBLING

How to Stop Betting.

BETTOR HAS SMALL CHANCE

Big Delegation of Reformers Visit Senate Judiciary Committee in Support of Burkett Bill.

Monrovia, Cal., who professed to be gambler upon race tracks, was the of a hearing before the idiciary committee in support garkett bill to prohibit the transities on of race track betting odds over telegraph or telephone

Brolaski gave details of the gambler's life and showed the poor chance of returns for money invested which is given to the gambling public. He was one of the owners of Mexican track which was put out of business at the instance of the department of state through co-operation with the Mexican government. He is now seeking to have tracks, in which he has no interest, deast with

Brolaski said he had worked in his line in St. Louis, Chicago, Worth, Roby, Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., New Orleans, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Latonia, Louisville and Bennings tracks and had had twenty-one years experience. He roughly estimated that there were now in the United States between sixty and seventy pool rooms. He calculated that there were in operation nearly 1,500,000 handcity there were at least 100,000 handbooks and pool room players and that the evil was growing daily.

the better for a return of any part per cent and in a handbook the percentage was from 5 to 15 per cent. Common sense will tell you that man's capital if taken out six times a day," he declared.

"There is only one means," said Mr. Brolaski, "of putting this eviout of business effectually, and that is by the United States government enacting a law promibiting the transmission of pool room and race track information over telegraph or telelish race track prices or results."

SJUTHERN BOYS REWARDED.

cultural Proficiency. Washington, D. C. - Diplomas of merit were presented by Secretary Wilson in his office at the department sas and Ralph Bellwood of Virginia, in hotels and other public places. all under 18 years, for special profiagriculture. Dr. C. G. Knapp, who take the case to the supreme court. has charge of the park demonstration | Patrick Francis Sheedy, who for and South Carolina duplicated the of- succumbed to heart disease. fers in those states.

awarded this year throughout the south, the basis of the awards being of products and yield per acre. All southern states are making ar-

Thousands of dollars of prizes were

to Washington next year. In a brief address to the boys, Sec-

retary Wilson declared that they and the boys engaged in like work are "the only hope we have for the continued greatness and prosperity of the ter up at its next session.

dustry of the people from other parts ing shirtwaist makers belong.

have begun right.

LURTON IS APPOINTED.

Tennesseean Nominated for Supreme Court Judge. hominated Horace H. Lurton of Ten- of the West Kentucky Coal Company nessee to be an associate justice of and all were removed from the mine. the U.S. supreme court.

and was appointed judge of the sixtn afternoon. circuit by President Cleveland March 27, 1893. He was a democrat in politics at that time.

qualifications of the Tennessee jurist. told of it.

DYNAMITE STOPPED A "STORY."

paper Ex, osure. St. Louis, Mo.-1-it the explosion which wrecked the office of a newspaper here were intended to stop a "story" not yet published, was the theory adopted by the police.

cognizant of the explosions.

EVIL TRAFFIC PROBED. Report Made On "White Slave" Trade

By Commission. Washington, D. C .- All but incredibly revolting are the disclosures of an international system of traffic in Gambler Tells National Solons women, containing in the report on

the so-called "white slave trade" submitted to congress by the United States immigration commission. When the report was presented in the house of representatives by Con gressman Bennet of New York, Champ Clark, the minority leader, objected to its being printed as a house doc-

ument, but later withdrew his objection. It was promptly renewed by Mr. Sabbath of Illinois. Mr. Fitzger-Washington, D. C .- With a support- ald of New York wanted to know it ing cast of reformers galore both the report contained sensational matmale and female, Henry Brolaski, of ter like he implied was contained in the report of the Roosevelt homes commission, upon which Mr. Bennet evoked laughter by the tart reply: "All matter calculated to appeal to your mind has been eliminated."

Ine report begins with an introduction explaining the nature of the "white slave" traffic, and concludes with a series of recommendations, mostly of an administrative charac-

The commission says that the effect of the importation of immoral women into this country is one of increased degradation and death for the women and of contamination and corruption by means of the spread of disease to

others. The importations came from all countries, France leading, and the Chinese and Japanese making up the majority of these coming in by way of the Pacific coast. Most of the procurers are of foreign birth. The "market" price varies from \$300 to \$1,000 for each alien woman. Sometimes they are not sold outright, out their procurers continue to live from

their earnings after their arrival nere The commission recommends that efforts be made through government books. He said that in New York agents abroad and on board steamships to prevent the importation of women to this country; that more as siduous efforts be made in the United Pointing out the poor chance given States to arrest women known to be engaged in immoral practices and to of his wager, the witness said that deport all possible; that the limit of in a pool room the percentage against three years after landing within which the player would run from 25 to 150 such persons may be successfully prosecuted be removed; that any ueported persons returning to this country be imprisoned; that the keepers from 5 per cent up will eat up an) of immoral houses in which atten women are found be subject to deportation, and that the state and municipal governments be urged to cooperate for the stamping out of the

Methodist Minister Expelled.

evil.

New Orleans, La.-Both expulsion phone wires and prohibiting the use from the ministry and from memberof the mails to newspapers that pub. ship in the church follow the decision by the South Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the case of Rev. J. W. Crisler. He was found guilty of Diplomas of Merit Awarded for Agria charge of gross immorality.

Newsy Paragraphs.

An electric curling iron heater, in agriculture to Bascomb Usher of which a circuit is made with a resis-South Carolina; DeWitt Lundy of tance coil when a coin is dropped in Mississippi; Elmer Halter of Arkan- a slot, is a recent invention for use

Captain Thomas Franklin, United ciency in agricultural pursuits. The States army, accused of embezzling recipients are among the 12,500 en- \$5,000 from the cadets' mess fund of gaged in the boys' demonstration the West Point Military academy, of work in the south. Each planted one which Franklin was treasurer. pleadacre of corn and cultivated it under ed guilty in the United States circux instructions from the department of court. A question of jurisdiction will

work in the south, offered a trip to the last two years has owned an art Washington to the boy in Mississippi store in New York city, but who for who should obtain the best results. years before was prominent in sport-The State Bankers' Association of Ar- ing circles of all kinds under the sim- tion, which was held in Omaha, Dekansas offered a similar reward in ple name of "Pat" Sheedy, died in that state, while citizens of Virginia his rooms over his are galleries. He

A movement is on foot in Richmond, Va., looking to the removal of the body of Patrick Henry from its the profits, written records, exhibits resting place at Red Hill, Charlotte county, Va., to the burying ground around old St. John's church, in Richrangements to send the prize winners mond, in which the Virginia patriot made his famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, and to erect a suitable monument over the Red Hill grave. It is thought probable that the legislature will take the mat-

Miss Annie Morgan, daughter of J. He pointed out that the south now, P. Morgan, is a recent applicant for in agriculture and manufacture, was membership in the Woman's Trade prosperous as never before, because Union league of New York city, and the men and women of the south had when her name has been passed upon put into the work their own energy she will become a regular member, and ability, and, in no sense, were de- paying \$1 a year, which is the fee. pendent upon the capital or the in- This is the league to which the strik-

The will of Charles N. Crittendon, unique. No boys ever have received tenton, in fourteen cities of this a similar recognition of their merit. country, and in Shanghai, Mexico Nothing I have done since I have been City and other foreign cities, filed for secretary of agriculture has given me probate in New York city, leaves half more pleasure than to present them to his estate, estimated at between \$3,-You You have earned them. You 000,000 and \$5,000,000, to the National Florence Crittenton misison.

Entombed Miners' Bodies Recovered. Madisonville, Ky .- A rescuing party found the bodies of the seven negro Washington, D. C .- The president miners entombed in the Baker mine

The men died from black damp. They Judge Lurton is a Tennesser man, had been entombed since Saturday Clay Not To Leave Senate.

Washington, D. C .-- Senator Alexan-President Taft was himself a judge der S. Clay emphaticaly denied a reof the sixth circuit at the time he port from Georgia which said the was appointed governor of the Phil senator is about to resign his seat ippines in 1898, and it was his asso and run for governor of the state. ciation with Judge Lurton that gave "Outrageously false; never heard of him such a high opinion of the legal such a thing" said the senator, when

The cost of living in New Jersey has gone up 37 per cent in the past Man Used Explosives to Stop News- ten years, according to Chief W. C. Garrison of the state bureau of statistics. His figures, moreover, do not take any luxuries into acount, but are based merely in the prices of actual necessities.

A wonderful torpedo which picks George C. Dyer, proprietor of the up sounds and tracks it down is reweekly, gave to the police the name ported to be in the hands of the of a man whose marital affairs were British admiralty, by whom it will be Written up some time ago and declar. subjected very soon to exsaustive ed his belief that this person was trials. The principle of the microphone is utilized.

GIRLS TO SAVE BILLION

Domestic Science Proves What Farmers' Daughters Can Do.

TEACH COOKING AND SEWING

Housekeepers on the Farm Are to Be Trained In the Art of Saving. "Short Course Planned."

Omaha, Neb .- One billion dollars is the amount which girls on American farms will be able to save the nation every year when they are trained in domestic science and art as the young men of the farms are being trained in scientific agriculture, according to Jessica E. Besack of Columbia University, director of the domestic science department of the Nation Corn Exposition.

The United States produces yearly practically \$7,500,000,000 worth of plant and animal products. One billion of this is credited to agricultura! science. Such authorities as Willett M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, say that science will make the new wealth produced on the farm \$10,000,000,000 annualy without increasing agricultural acreage.

Now come the women of the agricultural colleges, who have made the departments of domestic science a success, and say that another billion can be made, because it can be saved by the housekeepers of the farms when they learn to eliminate waste, prepare foods from cheaper materials, substitute the inexpensive for the high in price and buy clothing as the experts buy it.

Thus, while the young men learn to quadruple the crops, the girls are learning to reduce the cost of living one-half. In the fields and orchards the farmer creates new cereals and trees; in the kitchen the women will create new and nutritious foods without the use of eggs, butter and high priced meats.

As the young men eliminate gullied hillsides by systematic tree-planting, the young women wil cut out waste by systematic buying to build up their wardrobes one season at a time. Instructors in colleges and women thinkers who have realized for years that the housewives demanded a training school have been puzzled as to just how to get the information they have gathered disseminated.

They have demonstrated that they have mastered the problems of living, and speculated as to why the initial scheme of Vassar Colege had fallen through; why Wellesley found it hard to live up to the plan,

"The colleges did not reach and do not reach the masses," they said."The young women will never save one billion if they must first get a training in the colleges."

The "Short Course" Planned. So the "short course" was planned and these short courses, given in connection and farmers' institutes and school district meetings, are taking the knowledge to thousands of girls who will manage the homes on the farms of the future.

Another plan has been inaugurated. The American Beef Producers' Association has calmly given notice that unless the people of the nation learn to use the cheaper cuts of meat, the average family will not be able to afford meat in the future! The association offered an illustrated lecture

and a demonstration. A little party of college women gathered around Miss Jessica Besack and opened at the National Corn Exposicember 6 to 18, a great laboratory where a thousand girls took a short course in domestic science and art. Every day these girls cooked, sewed and shopped. For the best dishes the exposition management offered prizes. A girl won \$100 for ten corn muffins; a good price for muffins

Here's a meal which the girls prepared. It looks good, and four persons may have it at a total cost for the four of exactly 77 cents. A 77-Cent Dinner.

Celery Soup (5 cents) Hot Potato Salad (16 cents) Garden Peas (20 cents) Cornbread (12 cents) Butter (8 cents) Berry Shortcake' (16 cents)

The potato salad is the secret of this meal. It is a hot German salad and contains bacon. It utilizes both the bacon and the drippings, and costs less than it would to serve the pota-

toes to four persons. To sew on buttons so that the thread and not the cloth will bear the strain will result in a saving that the de-"These diplomas," he continued, are name of his daughter, Florence Crit- partment proposes to teach the girls how to do such little things. To square darn, to make square-end buttonholes, to make clothing for kitchen wear and many other such things are counted as those which if generally known, will help the young women save their billion.

KNIFE RELIEVES KING LEOPOLD Successful Operation on Aged Belgian

Ruler. Brussels, Belgium. - King Leopold underwent a most serious operation for obstruction of the intestines, and themselves directly he regained consciousness, and the optimistic spirit which he has shown throughout his illness returned to him. He expressed satisfaction when informed of the details of the operation. The king is making a plucky fight

for life. He was even strong enough to sign the new military law, just passed by the senate.

NEW COMET DISCOVERED.

Discovered by the Protege of Harry Thaw's Mother.

Princeton, N. J .- Fifty-six million miles from the earth, 146,000,000 miles from the sun and more than three times as large as the earth in diameter-these are the facts determined by Zaccoheus Daniel, graduate or Princeton, about the comet he recent-Mrs. William Thaw of Pittsburg.

BILLS OF INTEREST TO SOUTH. Clark of Florida Has Introduced Many

Measures Affecting This Section. Washington, D. C .- A large number of bills, all of which are of consider able interest to the southern states. have been introduced in the house by Representative Clark of Florida. Among the most important of these are the following:

To prohibit the receipt of money in payment of special taxes as dealers in intoxicating liquors by internal revenue officials of the United States, except in certain cases, and to provide punishment for its violation. Mr. Clark would have any person or firm produce evidence that the city or town where it is proposed to carry on the liquor trade has given authority to do so. Such person must first procure a license in the place where it is proposed to carry on the

To credit and pay to the several states and territories all monies collected under the direct tax levied by act of congress of July 1, 1862, and at later dates.

To extend to the veterans of the several Seminole Indian wars and to the widows of veterans of those wars the benefits of the act of congress passed February 6, 1907.

To amend an act to provide for the collection of abandoned property and the prevention of frauds in insurrectionary districts within the United

To levy an import duty on Egyptian cotton and other long staple cotton imported into the United States from fereign countries. He proposes that after September 1, 1910, there shall be levied upon all Egyptian and other long staple cotton brought into the United States from foreign countries, in the lint, an import duty of 6 cents per pound, and upon all such cotton imported into the United States, from foreign countries, in the seed, an import duty at the rate of 2 cents per pound.

These bills have been referred to their proper committees, and will probably be acted upon immediately

after the holldays.

President Puts in More Hours Than Did Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C .- President Taft of great men. While he does not work so intensely nor as fast as did his immediate predecessor, he puts in more hours each day than did Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Taft's working day begins at 9:30 a. m. and lasts until 5 p. m. Before he goes to the executive offices he takes his morning exercise and has a bit of breakfast. As a rule the president takes little time for lunch-

President Roosevelt did little work after 4 o'clock in the afternoon, especially when it was a good day for tennis or a fine drizzly time for wayking through Rock Creek Park. Mr. Taft differs in that he usually does much work after luncheon, frequently returning to the executive offices for special conferences with cabinet members or transacting bus-

iness in the executive mansion. Mr. Taft has formed a habit of working at the mansion after dinner. On several occasions during the progress of the annual message the president remained up till very late dictating and revising his first big state document. Notwithstanding all the time he revotes to work he still takes some exercise. He never misses the morning calisthenics, and, whenever possible, takes a walk or ride, however short it may be.

TEXAS FARMERS TO LEAVE UNION.

Sun in Summer Signs, 93 d. 14 h. Sun in Autumn Signs, 89 d. 19 h. Secession From National Farmers Union is Planned.

Houston, Texas .- That the secession of the Texas Farmers' Union from the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America is planned is indicated in circulars sent out by officers of the Texas branch.

After asserting that alleged exorbitant salaries for the national officers have been proposed and that the constitution of the organization has been misconstrued, it is urged that charters be returned and applications be made for new charters under the name of the "Farmers' Union of

Objection is voiced to the recent action of the national convention at Birmingham, Ala., in September, proposing an increase in the dues of 8 to 16 cents per annum, an advance in the salary of the president of the national union from \$600 to \$3,000 per annum, an increase in the salary of the national secretary from \$1,200 to \$1,800 and other expenditures.

7 Dead In Tenement Fire.

Cincinnati, Ohio. - Seven persons are dead and several others injured as a resutl of a tenement fire at Sycamore and Third streets in this city.

After being put out of business for several months, the lottery men of Charleston, S. C., have combined forces and resources, hired attorneys and are now operating in defiance of the authorities. As fast as ...eir ticket sellers are arrested the men are astounded science by the manner in promptly bailed out of the police stawhich he withstood it. His remarka-ble recuperative powers manifested lottery business is done on a five and ten-cent scale, but involves hundreds of dollars at each daily draw

The highest recorded price for hogs was exceeded at the National Stock yards in St. Louis when a buyer gave \$8.65 a hundred pounds for some fine specimens. Nothing approaching this price has been known in the open. market here since 1893.

Crew of Schooner Drowned.

Charleston, S. C .- That the fivemasted schooner Governor Ames, bound from Brunswick, Ga., to New York, with a large cargo of crossties, grounded and went to pieces off Wimble Shoals, 25 miles north of Cape Hatteras, the captain, his wife and the crew of 12 men all being killed or drowned, is the story told by Joly discovered. Mr. Daniel holds the siah Spearing, the sole survivor of Thaw fellowship in astronomy, the the wreck, who was brought here by annual income of a \$10,000 gut by the steamship Shawmut of the Southern Steamship Company.



ASTRONOMICAL CALCULATIONS FOR 1910.

Being the Second After Bissextile, or Leap Year; and Until July 4th, the 134th Year of the Independence of the United States.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1910.

In the year 1910 there will be four eclipses, two of the Sun and two the Moon. A total eclipse of the Sun, May 8-9, visible in Taosmania as total and in Australia as a partial eclipse. II. A total eclipse of the Moon, May 23-24, visible in United States.

Moon enters total shadow, May 23, 10 h 46 m. P. M. Middle of eclipse, May 0 h. 34 m. A. M. Moon leaves total shadow, May 24, 2 Magnitude of the eclipse, 1.10 of the Moon's diameter. III. A partial eclipse of the Sun, November 1. Visible in Siberia, Japan and Korea.

IV. A total eclipse of the Moon, November 16, visible in the United States. is proving to be one of the hard- Moon enters total shadow, November 16, 5 h. 44 m. P. M. Middle of eclipse, working presidents, according to November 16, 7 h. 21 m. P. M. Moon leaves total shadow, November 16, 8 h. those who closely observe the habits 58 m. P. M. Magnitude of eclipse, 1.13 of the Moon's diameter.

> REIGNING PLANET. Jupiter is the reigning planet this year.

CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, entrance of the Sun into Aries, March 21, at 7 o'clock in the morning. Summer Solstice, entrance of the Sun into Cancer, June 22, at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Autumnal Equinox, entrance of the Sun into Libra, September 23, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Winter Solstice, entrance of the Sun into Capricorn, December 22, at 12

o'clock 15 m. at noon. EVENING AND MORNING STARS.

Venus will be evening star (setting after the Sun) until February 12, then morning star (rising before the Sun) until December 5, then evening star until the end of the year. .

Mars will be evening star until September 22, then morning star until the end of the year. Jupiter will be morning star until April 1, then evening star until October 15, then morning star until the end of the year.

Saturn will be evening star until April 17, then morning star until Oc. tober 24, then evening star until the end of the year.

THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASONS. Winter Solstice, 1909, beginning of Winter, December 22, 6 h A. M. Vernal Equinox, 1910, beginning of Spring, March 21, 7 h. A. M.

Autumnal Equinox, 1910, beginning of Autumn, September 23, 5 h. P. M.

Summer Solstice, 1910, beginning of Summer, June 22, 3 h. A. M.

Winter Solstice, 1910, beginning of Winter, December 22, 0 h. A. M. Sun in Winter Signs, 89 d. 1 h. Sun in Spring Signs, 92 d. 20 h.

DURATION OF THE SEASONS. Tropical Year, 265 d. 6 h. Sun North Equator, 186 d. 10 h. Sun South Equator, 178 d. 20 h.

Difference, 7 d. 14 h.

FIXED AND MOVABLE FEASTS OR CHURCH DAYS.

New Year's Day, January 1. Conversion of St. Paul, January 25 Septuagesima Sunday, January 23. Sexagesima Sunday, January 30. Purification B. V. M., February 2. Quinquagesima Sunday, February 6. Shrove Tuesday, February 8. Ash Wednesday (Lent begins), Feb-

ruary 9. Quadragesima Sunday, February 13. St. Valentine, February 14. Mid-Lent Sunday, March 6. St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Palm Sunday, March 20. Good Friday, March 25. Easter Sunday, March 27. Low Sunday, April 3. St. George, April 23. St. Mark, April 25. Saints Philips and James, May 1. Rogation Sunday, May 1.

Whit Sunday (Pentecost), May 15. Trinity Sunday, May 22. Corpus Christi, May 26. St. Barnabas, June 11. St. John the Baptist, June 24. Saints Peter and Paul, June 29. St. James, July 25. Transfiguration, August 6. St. Bartholomew, August 24. St. Matthew, September 21.

Michaelmas (St. John and Angels), September 29. St. Luke, October 18. Saints Simon and Jude, October 28. Thanksgiving Day, November 24. Advent Sunday, November 27. St. Andrew, November 30. St. Thomas, December 21. Christmas Day, December 25. St. Stephen, December 25. St. John the Evangelist, December 26. Ascension (Holy) Thursday, May 5. | Holy Innocents, December 28.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES FOR 1910. Solar Cycle..... 15 Mohammedan Era, Jan 13.....1328 Age of the word (Mosaic), 5903.

HALLEY'S COMET APPEARS.

It seems that Dr. Wolf, of Heidelberg, was the first astronomer to photograph the reappearance of Halley's Comet in 1909. His telegram stated that he found it Sunday, September 12, just within the confines of the constellation Gemini, near the boundary of Orion; and that it was of the sixteenth magnitude. By some this is believed to have been the "Star of Bethlehem." Its reappearings since the thirteenth century seem to have been coincident with many disastrous events, which has tended to increase the superstitious belief in the malign influence of comets. This comet should be an interesting celestial object well into 1910, rising at first before the Sun, on May 8, about 2 p. m. It will pass near Pollux in Gemini June 9, after its conjunction with the Sun, when it ought to be at its greatest brilliancy as an evening star, setting about 2 hours 30 minutes after the Sun, at about the close of evening

A HAPPY NEW-YEAR.

By Anna M. Pratt. From Oregon to Texas, from Florida to Maine,

The pleasant New-year's preetings are flying like the birds; And if we can remember All their meaning till December We shall fill the days with kindly deeds and loving, thought-

LATE NEWS NOTES.

General.

Many spindles in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine cotton mills will be idle during the latter part of the month because of the curtailment policy enforced by the high price of the raw material. One large plant will be shut down for ten days and others will close for a week.

Holding fast to a handbag in which were \$12,000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry, \$2,000 in railroad and industrial bonds and insurance policies for \$30,000 on property in Oakland, a well dressed woman believed to be Mrs. Ina L. Cummings, of St. Louis, was found lying ill in the street at Monterey, Cal. The woman could give little account of herself. She said she had a daughter named Mrs. Daniels, at Carel-by-the-Sea. From papers found with the woman it is presumed that her first husband was W. P. Stewart of St. Louis. She

is about fifty-five years old. China is planning to spend seven years in reorganizing its navy. The most striking items in its program will be carried out from 1911 to 1916. when the government will have built eight first class battleships, twenty cruisers, ten gunboats and three flotillas of torpedo boats. China intends to proceed immediately to develop naval gases, expand the naval school and enlarge the dockyards. She also plans the creation of an admirality board and the establishment of a new naval academy and to recruit a force of marines.

Washington.

Senator Depew introduced a bill appropriating \$250,000 in aid of the American emancipation exposition, which it is proposed to hold at Savannah, Ga., in 1913, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the emancipation proclamation.

The first break in President Taft's cabinet probably will come with the retirement of Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson to enter the United States senate as successor to James B. Frazier of Tennessee whose term expires March 4, 1911. Mr. Dickinson has practically decided to enter the contest, and there will be witnessed the unique spectacle of a member of a republican president's cabinet seeking election to the senate as a democrat. Moreover,, another democrat, General Luke M. Wright, one-time member of a president's cabinet, and the immediate predecessor of Secretary Dickinson in the Taft cabinet, will direct the Dickinson

campaign. Representative Hobson spoke in the house on the "Philosophy of the Naval Policy for the United States," and said in part: "I believe it is of great importance that the sixty-first congress at this session should authorize the construction of at least four battleships of the first class."

Congressman William M. Howard of the Eighth Georgia district was re-appointed regent of the Smithsonian institution. The appointment was made by Speaker Cannon. The other regents on the part of the house are Daizell of Pennsylvania, and Mann of

Illinois. What an important factor in the commerce of the United States is furnished by paper and its kind is shown by a bulletin just compiled by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. Imports of paper and products have increased from \$3,000,000 in 1889 to \$12,000,000 in 1909 and the exports have increased at a large rate also. During the last ten years American manufacturers have sold in foreign markets paper and manufactures value at \$80,-000,000, and during the same period the United States has spent for the same products of foreign manufacture

about \$70,000,000. Congressman Lee, of the Seventh Georgia district, introduced a bill for the improvement of the Coosa river. The measure carries \$241,069 for a lock and dam at Horse Leg shoats; \$282,000 for lock and dam No. 4, and \$134,000 for a lock and dam No. 5. All these are located on the Coosa river below Rome. The congressman has secured surveys of the river and favorable recommendations for the project, and if there is a river and harbors bill at this session of congress he hopes to get substantial appropriations for the work, which

means so much to Rome. A bill providing for a central national bank of America to be established at Washington, D. C., with branches in various cities throughout the country, was introduced in the house by Representative Fornes of New York. The bank is to nave a capital of \$100,000,000, three-fifths of which is to be subscribed for by the United States trasury through an issue of fifty-year gold bonds. The remaining two-fifths is to be offered to the various national banks of the country. Branches are provided for in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Boston, Denver, St. Louis, Atlanta, San Francisco and Portland, Ore.

Representative Hardwick of Georgia wants to know if it is true that the navy department helped to search for the yacht of Colonel John Jacob Astor when it was reported lost recently in the West Indies, and if so, why, and how much money was spent by the department in the quest. He introduced a resolution indicating this desire and requesting the secretary of the navy, "if not incompatible with public welfare," to inform the house as to the facts in the case.

Major General Leonard Wood, now in command of the department of the east, will be the next chief of staff of the army, Secretary Dickinson announced. General Wood will succeed General J. Franklin Bell, whose term expires next spring.

The abolition of beer halls at the national soldiers' homes did not make for sobriety and religious observance among the veterans, according to the report of the inspector. This report says that there were 1,026 more trials for drunkenness in the various homes in 1909 than there were in 1906, when the beer halls prevailed.

Decided business improvement is shown throughout the country in the receipts at the fifty largest postoffices. Every office reported an increase varying from 6.08 per cent at Brooklyn to 34.08 per cent at Seattle, Wash.