Affairs at Washington

Current News of the Week and Events of Importance in Which the Empire State Figures

Washington, D. C., March [illegible]—A suggestion is before Congress to send a Commission composed of farmers to Europe for the purpose of studying the Raiffeisen system of rural co-operative credit. It is pointed out that while the Monetary Commission has thoroughly covered Europe in its investigation from the commercial standpoint, the rural especial attention has been given to the agricultural interests. In view of the fact that in Germany more than two billion dollars were loaned in 1909 under the system mentioned above, thus avoiding the necessity of farm mortgages and the selling of crops as soon harvested, the application of such a principle in the financial scheme that will eventually work out by the efforts of the Monetary Commission, it is thought will properly be supplemental of the work that has already been done. A large number of farmers' organizations throughout the country have interested themselves in the plan and are prepared to urge the matter upon Congress.

Edward Hines, the million in the play in the Lorimer scandal, has been expelled from the Union League Club of Chicago, and thus the first skull in the Lorimer senatorial scandal in the United States has been broken. The charge is all sorts dishonest dealings. It is very hard to [illegible] the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which is investigating the Lorimer case, to find a Senator who is not under a cloud. The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections has been investigating the charges against Senator Lorimer for more than a year, and the result has not been satisfactory to the Senate