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Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the
 News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

POLITICAL BEDFELOWS

The White House has announced in an unusually noisy manner that Speaker Champ Clark has been invited to confer with the President regarding the Democratic program for the coming session of Congress. Since Mr. Bryan laid aside his title of "Mr. Secretary," and resumed his old role of the speaking "Colonel," Mr. Clark has agreed with the Administration in a most enthusiastic manner. It looks as though there would be an alliance for mutual defense based upon "national preparedness," with Messrs. Wilson and Clark building fortifications to prevent the "Peerless One" from capturing the Democratic fortifications in 1916. Colonel Bryan evidently thinks in a manner entirely out of harmony with the Administration; while Champ Clark, who has put in less time at the White House than any other Democratic leader, doubtless holds to his old views that if the Democrats win next year no one but President Wilson can be nominated; and that if they cannot win no one else would want the nomination. On this basis he is willing to get together with the Administration, kill Bryan, and hope with a mighty hope for "Better days in 1920."

Out For World Trade

Just in the same way that retail merchants have extended the scope of their delivery by reason of better roads, automobile speed, and improved conditions, will the United States seek to extend its commerce all over the world. The Department of Commerce proposes a world-wide campaign for trade, and in view of world conditions the officials say that if the trick cannot be turned now, it never can be. The commercial-agent service of the government is described by Secretary Redfield as "the backbone of the trade promotion organization," and he asks appropriations for a big force, to be used principally in investigating possible markets for cotton textiles, motor vehicles, railway supplies, boots and shoes, agricultural implements, furniture, electrical equipment, etc. While the executive head of the government is "preparing for preparedness," Mr. Redfield proposes to get all the benefits of that policy and to send it out with his white-winged salesmen and investigators to distribute shoes, glad rags, and other American goods all over the world.

Buying Blue Sky

The old lightning rod salesman were pikers in their way, and one of them could not qualify as office boy for the modern brokers who are selling war stocks. When well known industries double and redouble, and then start straight skywards, there is but one thing that can eventually happen: for whatever flies up must come down. Stocks are so high right now that the peddlers are handling out blue sky instead, and frenzied purchasers do not seem to be able to tell the difference.

The Flag of Mexico

The flag of the Republic of Mexico flies from the staff over the legation at Washington. It has been gently folded and laid away for a very long time, but "recognition" has rejuvenated things about the Embassy, and the grand old rag has been thrown to the breeze to symbolize that the government of Carranza is likewise the government of Mexico.

The Art of Spell-Binding

Chauncey M. Depew was one of the greatest men in the United

States until he attained his ambition and became a United States Senator. But people got onto Chauncey, and found him out as an orator, and a goodfellow, but shy on industry and the other qualities essential to first-class "senatorships." Chauncey became so discouraged that he even neglected the spell-binding acts, in which he was a past master. Forgiving and forgetting all the emissions of this chipper old man of eighty-two, who retains his gifts of spell-binding, it is interesting to know that the former Senator says that "every man in the United States wants to be a public speaker, and he adds that they can be if they will apply themselves to the task. He discourages mere "gift of gab," and declares that "no man should presume to address his fellow-citizens on any subject unless he knows more about the subject than they do." But he insists that public speaking is a thing that can be learned, the same as rolling a hoop, or playing a hand at bridge.

Regulating Stem-Winding Oratory

The world reveres and respects the Senate because it is a deliberative body. The House will do the jujitsu to thing like the Underwood law because it knows the Senate will point out the bad spots, and insist on a few hundred important amendments. The Senate is the salvation of the nation, but humanity is the same there as anywhere else, and as a result unrestrained oratory is used as the weapon to talk to death great legislation in the closing hours of the session. The Senate has decided to try a way to stop this endless speech-making, and one of the first things that will be to consider a cloture rule, by which it will be possible to limit debate. Someone has described cloture as "the hard old rock guarding the cavern of prolixity for Senators; upon which such men as Clay, Hoan, Aldrich, Hill and others charged, only to drag themselves away, their arms in slings or their heads wrapped in dandages. "so to speak."

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GOVERNMENT WILL BOOM BUSINESS

Washington, Oct. 24.—Elaborate plans for a worldwide campaign for trade by the United States are revealed in the estimates of the Department of Commerce expenditures for the next fiscal year to be presented to Congress this Winter. Through the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, the department proposes to aid American merchants and manufacturers in taking advantage of opportunities now before them and in preparing for the struggle for trade supremacy which commercial officials are certain will follow the European war.

Reorganization of the staff in Washington and an increase to about twice its present extent of the foreign commercial service are contemplated according to a statement discussing the new estimates made public to-day by Dr. L. E. Pratt, chief of the bureau. Appropriations will be sought to provide for extensive investigations of commercial conditions abroad and for tariff inquiries by the cost of production division.

"As a part of the general program of 'preparedness,'" said Dr. Pratt, "the Secretary of Commerce will request Congress to make a very largely increased appropriation for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Secretary Redfield believes that commercial preparedness should not be overlooked; that the United States is facing a great, and unusual opportunity for increased world commerce, and he has expressed these convictions in the requests which he will make on suggestions to enable the Department of Commerce to do a larger and more effective work in promoting commerce than is now possible.

"One of the most important increases asked for is for an increased clerical staff in Washington. This amounts practically to a reorganization of the bureau with additional divisions and departments for new branches of the work which have recently been undertaken.

"The commercial-agent service is the backbone of the trade promotion organization. It is anticipated that under the appropriations asked for that it will be possible during the fiscal year 1916-17 to make investigations of the possible foreign markets for cotton textiles, motor vehicles, railway supplies, boots and shoes.

agricultural implements, furniture machinery of all kinds, electrical power equipment, structural material, wearing apparel, investment possibilities, etc.

"The commercial-attaches' service has been in existence just about a year. It has proved so useful that an addition of ten commercial attaches will be recommended. These attaches, it is intended, will be stationed in important countries of Asia, South Africa, Europe and Central and South America. With the present organization the commercial-attache service will then cover practically the entire world.

"It is also planned to take up a series of market investigations abroad for the purpose of placing producers of raw materials and staple products in closer and more intelligent contact with foreign markets."

STUMBLES OVER A BEAR

Kane, Pa., Oct. 31.—Almost to stumble over a large black bear with a gun in your hand, but no shells was the ill luck that befell Harry Miller of Toledo, O., who is camping with a party of friends near Bear Creek in Elk County. Miller was returning to camp yesterday after spending the day hunting pheasants when a few have been killed a great number have been seen. He almost stepped on the bear. The bear was sunning itself be-

side a log and as Miller attempted to step over the log he was horrified to see the big bruin which quickly jumped to its feet and began to growl. Miller started on the dead run for the camp as he had used all his shells hunting pheasants. When he reached camp he almost collapsed. Other members of the party started to hunt for the bear at once, but it had disappeared.

Bears are more plentiful this season than at any time in the last five years, and although on-

A large bear, weighing about 400 pounds, invaded the village of Straight, in Elk County, and caused much excitement. When Angelo Marcello was hunting about a quarter of a mile from that place he came upon the bear so unexpectedly that he lost his nerve and started to run home. When he saw the bear was not following him, he opened fire with his shotgun and when several of the bird shot struck the animal it became angry and started after Marcello. When the exhausted man reached the village closely followed by the bear there was a panic. They scattered and went indoors. Later, when they were fully mobilized, the big bruin had beaten a hasty retreat. Another large bear was seen yesterday in the cornfield of C. C. McAllister, of Brady Camp.

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