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BANKERS' CONGRESS.

The Financial Men of the Country Hold a Conference.

COMPTROLLER EKELS'S ADDRESS

Complete Recovery from the Present Troubles Depending on Sound Laws, He Says.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—The bankers' congress, arranged by the World's Fair auxiliary, opened at the Art Institute this morning with an address of welcome by Mayor Harrison, followed by President Rhawn of the American Bankers' association. The reports of officers and other routine business occupied some time, after which Hon. J. H. Eckels, comptroller of the currency was introduced and delivered an address.

COMPTROLLER ECKELS'S ADDRESS.

After briefly reviewing the financial depression through which the country is passing and the remarkable skill with which the bankers of the country had met the unprecedented conditions, Comptroller Eckels said, that complete permanent recovery from the existing troubles could not be expected until our financial laws are made to assort with those that govern the world's trade, and until our currency takes uniformity and elasticity so "our people are rid of the pernicious situation that money which is cheap and plenty is a blessing and a source of wealth instead of a curse and a cause of financial panic and ultimate poverty."

Continuing, the comptroller said: "But it is said that in bringing about a different set of financial laws, the banking interests must hold sway. It is a striking illustration of the extent to which unreasoning passion and prejudice have crept into our politics, that in the present emergency when confronts the country the bankers are compelled to hesitate as to the advisability, from a standpoint of prudence, of actively urging the repeal of a measure which stands confessedly as a source in the largest degree of past disasters and the cause to future prosperity. Surely the banking interests of the country are vast enough and of sufficient importance to warrant respectful hearing and careful consideration without arousing passions or prejudices of any fair minded citizen of the Republic. It may be that the bankers are selfish, but not more so, I venture, than men in other walks of life, surely not more so than the silver interests which today inveigh most loudly against them and yet, with inconsistency so marked that he who runs may read, with selfish indifference to the public good, not only blocking the wheels of legislation at Washington, but unmindful of the voice of the people and peace, are making the fundamental principle of our government, the right of the majority to control, a binding and a by-word; that they to their own selfish purposes may find fretting in legislative enactment that will compel the government to be a special patron of their special production."

The comptroller went on to say that bank stocks were not held by bankers and the rich people only but were widely distributed, and that the bankers as their representatives were entrusted with the financial management, and represented a large number of people, more widely scattered, embracing more classes and conditions of people and possessed of greater aggregate wealth than any other special interest in the country. Therefore they had a right to be heard in behalf of their clients and to be protected from the influence of baneful laws. The comptroller closed with reference to the wisdom of the existing banking laws and cautioned the bankers against the dangers of leaning money for use in purely speculative enterprises.

George A. Butler, New Haven, Conn., followed with an able paper, entitled "A Practical Plan of Banking and Currency."

DEMOCRATIC FACTS.

Repeal Men Do Not Seem to Favor It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—Vest is calculating a call for a caucus of all Democratic senators, it pledges them to abide by the result if any is reached. Silver men sign it readily, but the repeal men are holding off. It is doubtful whether Gorman will issue the call unless a desire for it seems pretty general, as it is likely to do more harm than good.

Capt. Adams Much Better.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Capt. Adams, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, was much relieved by yesterday's surgical operation. He is now in a fair way to recovery. It will be several weeks, however, before he is able to be out.

Voorhees's New Plan.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Voorhees said today that he would make an effort to continue for the present the recess system inaugurated last evening. His plan is to have the Senate sit each day from 10 to 1 o'clock. He is of the opinion that this will prove the best plan for turning out work and getting rid of long speeches. He expresses the opinion that the end of the long debate is near and intimates that the present week may close it.

CATHOLIC CELEBRATION.

In Honor of Gibbons's Episcopal Jubilee.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 18.—The festivities in honor of the Episcopal jubilee of Cardinal Gibbons began today. The cathedral and Catholic institutions of the city were elaborately decorated. Faithful children of the mother church gathered by thousands early to witness the ceremonies. Ecclesiastical dignitaries which included, besides the cardinal himself and Archbishop Corrigan, every archbishop in the hierarchy, except Redogan, San Francisco, Kendrick, St. Louis and Salpointe, Mexico, besides a large number of bishops, priests and seminarians. The procession moved from the archiepiscopal residence to the cathedral, where a political sermon was delivered by a Mexican, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Mexican, four priests, a Mexican, four priests, a Mexican, a Mexican, a Mexican