

the United States declined to hear arguments in favor of that law.

Representative Hamlin urged a bill requiring expenditures from secret fund of state department to be reported to congress.

Speaker Clark refused to act on memorial asking Representative Littleton's expulsion.

The monetary commission decided to prepare a bill carrying its conclusion along the line of the Aldrich currency plan.

President Taft is opposed to the abolition of the court of commerce.

Elbert H. Gary, head of the steel trust, told the senate committee that the government must assume control of big corporations in order to protect both the public and the corporations. He admitted that the steel corporation would undersell any of its 200 competitors who do 52 per cent of the domestic business, because of greater economies of production, but he said it aimed at maintaining fair prices and fair com-

petition, instead of "cutthroat methods" that ultimately drive the smaller concerns to bankruptcy.

An Associated Press dispatch says: Aimed at the domination of the so-called "tobacco trust," a bill directing the census bureau to publish statistics every six months as to the amount of tobacco held by dealers and manufacturers of the country was debated for hours in the house. The bill was introduced last summer by Representative Cantrell of Kentucky, who explained that it was designed for the tobacco growers who claim that the government statistics give manufacturers unfair advantage when the crop is marketed. He said the tobacco trust knew "all the secrets of the crop and can pound down prices, while the farmer has no way to ascertain the amount of stock on hand in the warehouses." Republican Leader Mann and Former Speaker Cannon vigorously opposed the bill. Mr. Cannon declared that if any such bill were passed it should include all crops held by dealers and in warehouses. The punishment of manufacturers who withhold statistics was also attacked as unconstitutional.

A former special financial minister from Honduras has prepared a memorial to congress, alleging that the state department at Washington encouraged the Bonilla revolution against Honduras as a means of trying to force the Honduran government to sign the Morgan loan agreement.

Representative Sulzer, of New York, introduced a joint resolution in the house of representatives providing for the abrogation of the 1832 treaty with Russia.

The thirteenth census of the tobacco crop shows that Kentucky led all other states in acreage, value and production of tobacco. The value of Kentucky's crop increased in ten years from \$18,541,982 to \$36,868,753.

**A CALIFORNIA VETERAN**

The Coast Seamen's Journal (Labor), Oct. 25.—Every honest man and publication in California will join in acclaiming James H. Barry a prophet who is not without honor in his own country. The Star—Barry's Star—has for a generation been the guiding star of our hopes. When it comes to passing around the honors due for the recent victories of democracy in California one man and one paper may truly and without invidiousness be said to "lead all the rest," and that same is James H. Barry and Barry's Star.

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The Sacramento Bee (Ind.), Oct. 28.—But we move to strike out the

word "old." Jim is not old. He is young; he is evergreen; he is Spring, even when Autumn approaches; in the field political of has-beens and never-wases, he is still a colt; in pugnacity, he is a grown-up; at heart he is a kid. Old! Jim Barry is the Cleopatra of California politics—Age passes him by and grabs younger men.—Louis F. Post, The Public.

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