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MR. BRYAN'S LETTERS

The first of Mr. Bryan's letters from abroad will appear in The Commoner about the middle of January and will be continued from week to week. These letters will record his observations in Japan, China, the Philippine Islands, India, Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Holland and the British Isles. The trip will occupy about one year.

As Andrew Hamilton's health improves his memory seems to grow weaker.

The attention of a number of American "standpatters" is called to the case of Mr. Balfour.

Several millions of people have a firm belief that another resignation is due from Chauncey M. Depew.

It seems that President Roosevelt exhausted his reciprocity views in an effort to keep Mr. Whitney in the dark.

One hundred bills were introduced the first day of the Fifty-ninth session—most of them for the appropriation of money.

Several senatorial representatives of special interests learn with regret that Robert LaFollette has finally decided to go to the senate.

By the time Czar Nicholas is ready to "lead his army in person" he may be confronted by the startling fact that he has no army to lead.

Japan has presented a bill of \$25,000,000 for feeding the Russian prisoners, but the prisoners wouldn't have missed it if it was going to cost their country twice the money.

Mr. McCurdy first cut his salary in two, and then resigned. Senator Depew has just resigned as an Equitable director. Puzzle: Guess the next step that Senator Depew should take?

One short cut to railroad rate regulation would be to elect senators by direct vote of the people. A senate elected by railroad influence is not apt to be in a hurry to curtail railroad greed.

The Sioux City Journal calls the attention of poets who desire to write about insurance affairs that "Macs" can be made to rhyme with "ax." Quite true; also "facts," and "lax," and "tax," and "whacks."

Secretary Root recommends the dismissal of about eighty American consuls who have been drawing salaries they never earned. What in the world does Secretary Root suppose a man wants a consulship for, anyhow?

Having acquired an enormous national debt Japan should now proceed to organize some national banks for the purpose of paying interest on its bonds to the gentlemen who issue currency and draw another slice of interest from the people who borrow money of the banks to

pay the interest on the bonds held by the banks to secure the currency issued by the banks for the purpose of loaning it at interest to the people who want to borrow for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds—but this is becoming worse than the "mystic maze" at Coney Island.

If Vice President Fairbanks wants to escape the oblivion that enshrouds his predecessors he will get busy and do something to push the president's rate regulation recommendations through to a successful conclusion.

Senator Elkins desires to call the attention of those who may think he is growing old to the fact that he is agile enough to get squarely in the way of any rate regulation bill which may

not agree with his idea of what a rate regulation bill should be.

Senator Patterson doubtless would like to see Mr. Jerome visit Colorado and repeat those remarks about a "corrupt judiciary."

Trades unionists have learned that it is dangerous to carry politics into their unions, but what they seemingly have not learned is that it would be well to carry their trades unionism into their politics.

Paul Morton says the people do not want cheap insurance. After Mr. Morton has been in the insurance business a few months longer he will know more about what the people want in the line of insurance.

COMMONER READERS AT WORK

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General J. B. Weaver, Colfax, Ia.—Find enclosed draft for \$17.20 to pay for 29 subscriptions for one year. This is the result of one day's work here among my neighbors. A number of these subscribers are republicans. The way seems open to largely increase the circulation of The Commoner.

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J. M. Harper, Atty., Spencer, W. Va.—Enclosed you will find money order for \$3 in payment for the five subscription cards which I received today. I sold them within thirty minutes after receiving them at the price of 60 cents each. If I can feel that I have been of some service in increasing the circulation of The Commoner, and thereby aid the cause of democracy, I shall be amply repaid for my trouble.

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