

**Headquarters Opened at Willard's and the
Actual Struggle for Congressional Pre-
ference Has Begun—St. Louis' Partisans
Are Frightened Almost Out of Their
Wits, While the Washingtonians Are
Dazed—New Yorkers Badly Demoralized**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 14.—[Special.] Chicago executed a flank movement on the other candidates for the world's fair opening headquarters here today.

Late last night Edwin Walker and E. Taylor of the Lincoln park board came to town. Early this morning they had engaged a parlor at Willard's for an indefinite period and were doing some of the work which could be carried on better in Washington than Chicago. Mr. Walker will go back here some time this week, but Mr. Taylor will stay till Congress meets. Then it is expected that there will be reinforcements.

"We are here," said Mr. Taylor, "to look after various matters of detail. We did not bring any brass bands along, because that is not our way of doing things.

"Friday I got a message from Mr. Wall saying some one was needed in Washington and asking if I could arrange to go. I asked how soon and the reply was: 'In twenty-four hours'—so here we are. Everything is going on favorably at home and we hope to be able to make similar reports from the national capital."

During the day the two Chicagoans managed to see several score of people, and night it is pretty well known that the missionary work is under way. The Washingtonians are rather dazed that their own city should be invaded so early, while the St. Louis boomers have been frantically grappling to that village that a delegation must be sent on at once.

PLENTY OF WIND BUT NO CASH.

New York's Fair Finance Committee Expected to Meet—Gotham Is Disgusted.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—[Special.]—After the blow and bluster of last week the New York world's fair boomers are no nearer accomplishing anything looking to the hold of the Columbus exposition here than they were when the committees were appointed nearly three months ago. It was announced with a flourish of trumpets last Saturday that subscription books would be opened to-day. "Now we will show Chicago how to do it," said the knowing ones as they wisely shook their heads.

"We've given them a big start just to let them see how easily we can overshadow them." This was comforting to the boomers. The comfort was of short duration, however. No subscription books were opened to-day, and Chicago is simply given another exhibition of the way Gothamites raise money instead of money. The finance committee is blamed for this new wound to the pride of New Yorkers. It had been called to meet to-day to prepare for the opening of subscription books. When that formality had been arranged it was expected by the still cynical people of the town that the member