

has been suggested, in consequence of the difficulty of finding a room large enough to accommodate all the newspaper reporters who would attend if the hearings were open to the public, has provoked strong objection in a few quarters, but the commission has been rather surprised because there was not a general storm of resentment at what looks like a restriction of the opportunities of the press.

Excepting only two or three newspapers that have pressed for admission and the liberty of making such reports as they choose, there have been few requests to obtain more than the reports of the press associations. The members of the commission, however, are becoming aware that this apparent indifference is not to be attributed to lack of interest in the subject, but to almost absolute contempt for the investigation as it is being conducted.

There was no expectation that it would uncover many unpleasant things, and the confidence that it would operate chiefly to approve all that was done and overlook much that was left undone has not been misplaced.

That the reports have been full enough is conceded by even those who are now wondering whether it was not a mistake to invite even the suspicion of a desire to conceal. The Washington Star, that appears to have heard something of the comment upon the plan of limiting spectators on behalf of the press, and which is of the opinion that public confidence would be increased by having open doors, makes a very temperate and earnest request to the commission to abandon its present plan and gratify public curiosity by enlarging its audience.

The belief increases that the inquiry now proceeding will be lost sight of in the interest that will be provoked by the investigation that Congress will set on foot, and which will of course be pushed by the opposition with rather more aggressiveness than can be expected from the President's Commissioners.

THE COMMISSION'S SESSIONS.

How the Policy of Semi-Privacy Is Viewed in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The President's investigation commission continues to hold its sessions with doors closed against all spectators except the limited number decided upon at the beginning to be admitted, including a very few reporters of the press associations and representatives of the local newspapers. This arrangement, made, it