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Deacon Richard Smith, of the Circin nati Gazette, on his return home from the Atlanta Exposition, has the following among other prophetic utterances of the South: "The capital to be added to the South during the next two years, employed in mining, manufacturing and agriculture, will multiply the resources of that section in an unexampled ratio The census of 1890 will surprise ever the most sanguine optimists."

The New York Tribune insists that there is no remedy for the enormous ex penditure entailed upon the country by the arrears of pensions bill. It says :-"All that Congress can properly do is to resist every attempt to prolong the life of the unwise statute, and promptly set on foot a searching investigation of the entire pension list. The enormous immediate drain upon the Treasury cannot be liver to proper action, cleanse the skin prevented, but the continuous yearly leakage to pay the fraudulent pensioners which the arrears act has raised up in troops can be stopped. We believe it to be no exaggeration to say that such an investigation would reduce the pension roll to such an extent as to save the government five or six millions annually without doing injustice to any person who has a right to the nation's bounty.'

THE PENSION BURDENS

The New York Sun says: The fruit of folly is seen in the pension burdens inflicted upon the country by the Arrears Commissioner Dudley announces that 28,740 names were added to the pension list during the past fiscal yearsixteen years after the end of the war for which they are pensioned. For the coming year he asks an appropriation of \$100,000,000, with which to pay annual accrued pensions; and, besides this; he asks a deficiency appropriation of \$20, 000,000 for this year.

A current annual appropriation of one hundred millions for the item of pensions, in the year 1882, for a war ended in 1865, is startling. There was never half that amount a dozen years ago, when a vastly greater number of persons entitled to a pension were living. As had happened in the universal experience of nations, our pension list was steadily decreasing a few years ago, and the appropriations safficient to satisfy it had gone down to twenty-nine millions. A scheme of villiany was sprung upon Congress by dem agogues, and, thanks to its success, the country is now called on to make a prodi gious outlay.

No force of invective can denounce this scheme more strongly than the simple figures of what is substantially our new national debt. Fully 40,060 new pension claims will be allowed this year, according to Mr. Dudley, and 60,000 next year; a total of 100,000 new claims, regarding which he tells us that fully two-thirds carry arrears amounting to nearly \$1,500 for each claimant. Nearly twenty four million dollars were paid out last year as "first payments" to new pensioners; that is, within five millions as much as the previous regular annual payments to all the pensioners of all the wars. The total amount of his annual disbursements ran up from twenty. nine millions to nearly fifty. Mr Dudley estimates that, in addition to the \$100. 000.000 which he is already certain of paying for arrearages, he will have to pay \$235,000,000 more, making \$335,000-000. There is no question, judging from Mr. Dudley's general tone, that this is an inside estimate. His predecessor reckoned that other costs, direct and indirect, will carry the aggregate arrearages alone to nearly \$600,000,000.

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