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PLENTY OF FOOD NOW

Danger of Food Famine in America Very Remote.

MORE WHEAT TO BE GROWN

Secretary Wilson Thinks Population Will Overtake the Farmer But Not Soon.

Washington, D. C.—Some day the population of the United States is bound to overtake the farmer to provide for his sustenance; but that day is very remote, according to Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department. No more is necessary in the immediate future to import grain for bread, notwithstanding the doleful predictions of some publicists. Everything depends upon the disposition of the American farmer to make the most of the resources of his land, and to improve his methods of agriculture in accordance with the needs of the people.

The secretary is in an optimistic mood just now, and he points to the figures of the crop production showing that the average output for one single year aggregated the enormous total of seven and a quarter billion dollars.

That was for the calendar year 1908, but the secretary was confident that, having in mind other prices of the year, the total for this year would be still larger.

The prospect for a great increase in the production of wheat is excellent in the opinion of Secretary Wilson, and for two reasons, first, the greatly advanced market value of that staple would surely tempt the American farmer to plant more wheat, and second, thanks to the discovery of the possibility of growing wheat in the large part of the country hitherto regarded as unadapted to it, the total of the annual crop.

GINNERS' REPORT

Seventy Per Cent of Crop Ginned to November 1.

Memphis, Tenn.—The regular report of the National Ginner's association shows that 70 per cent of the entire cotton crop was ginned up to November 1. The report in addition, shows that Egyptian cotton is 25 per cent of what was expected a short time ago.

The reports of the ginner received here by President J. A. Taylor, indicate that up to November 1, 9,943,000 bales of cotton have been ginned, or 1,494,000 bales since the last report was made. In the same period last year 11,000,000 bales were ginned. The report shows that the crop in the Mississippi valley is very short. The report by states follows: Alabama, 570,000; Arkansas, 469,000; Florida, 17,000; Georgia, 1,263,000; Louisiana, 180,000; Mississippi, 566,000; Missouri, 14,000; North Carolina, 29,000; North Carolina, 29,000; Oklahoma, 410,000; South Carolina, 29,000; Tennessee, 147,000; Texas, 149,000. Total, 6,943,000.

SOUTH BEST PLACE FOR FARMER

Secretary Wilson Addresses National Farmers' Congress.

Durham, N. C.—The place for the farmer now is in the south, where the soil is friendly to nearly every product of the country," declared Secretary Wilson of the national department of agriculture in an address before the National Farmers' Congress at Durham, N. C., this morning. Secretary Wilson said he had nothing against the north, but that their tendency had been to educate away from the farms instead of toward them. He expressed his sympathy with the man who proposed an agricultural school for every county, whether that school be an actual institution or merely a place where farmers met and discussed farming.

Secretary Wilson boasted of the wisdom of the department from politics, and declared that the 11,000 men under him, he did not know the politics of eleven of them.

VIOLATED POSTAL LAW

Chattanooga Inspector Made Threats On a Postal Card.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—An unusual case, involving a possible violation of the United States postal regulations, has developed here. The postal authorities have summoned City Side walk inspector P. A. Frawley to answer a charge of violating the regulations of the department because of postal card notices which he has sent to certain citizens, notifying them to come to the city for a hearing, or suffer the prescribed penalties. One of the cards was forwarded to Washington and the district attorney was instructed to begin action against the inspector.

CASHER ROBBED OF \$14,156

Three Smeagled Canadian Express Company Employee.

Nagara Falls, Ont.—William Dobson, cashier of the Canadian Express company, was snatched here in the company's office at the Grand Trunk station and a package containing \$14,156 taken from him by two unknown men. The robbery was committed in broad daylight, with a score of the company's employees within twenty feet of the scene.

Dobson was alone at the time when he entered the office. One asked about a trunk, and as Dobson stooped to see his book one of the men hit him over the counter and hit him with the car with a sand-bag.

MRS. GUINNESS' INSURANCE

Fire Insurance Company Settles Her Policy for \$1,000.

Lafayette, Ind.—A fire insurance company has paid \$1,000 to the heirs of Mrs. W. J. Guinness, who, with her husband, was burned to death in the home on the city farm, April 29, 1908. The property was insured for \$2,000. The insurance company had refused to pay the sum, and Mrs. Guinness had then committed suicide.

UNITED STATES BEST FED NATION

Not Only in Quantity But in Quality of Food, Statistics Show.

Washington, D. C.—Uncle Sam has "let out" his belt. He is getting fat. Perhaps in sympathy with President Taft, because perhaps he is making more money.

During the present year the United States has consumed more food of all classes by far than during 1908. This is brought about chiefly by food conservation by natural means. Basing per capita statistics of the United States and the biggest countries of Europe on the consumption of canned goods, the United States is pointed to as the best fed of all nations.

Taking peas, tomatoes and corn as the three leading vegetables, the statistics show that during 1909 America will eat close to 800,000,000 cans of these varieties, while during 1908, 1907 and 1906 the average annual consumption was only about 600,000,000 cans.

Return of prosperity to all classes in the United States is shown in a measure by the fact that canned vegetables are gaining in popularity. Not only do the figures point out that the United States leads in the quantity of food consumed, but it is also shown that the sort of edibles now going to the laboring and middle classes is above the average in quality.

LEADING CITIZENS FAILED TO VOTE

Taft, Roosevelt, Morgan, Carnegie and Rockefeller Didn't Vote.

New York City.—Many of the country's leading citizens failed to exercise their right of suffrage. President William H. Taft did not vote in Cincinnati because he was in Mississippi. Former President Theodore Roosevelt did not vote at Oyster Bay, because he is in Africa. J. Pierpont Morgan and Andrew Carnegie did not vote because they were in Europe when it was time to register. Cardinal Gibbons did not vote at Baltimore because he had failed to register. J. P. Rockefeller did not vote in New York because he was detained in Cleveland.

PREACHER STABS MAN

First Blood Drawn in Alabama Prohibition Fight.

Florence, Ala.—First blood was drawn in Florence in the constitutional prohibition fight. The belligerents were Rev. J. O. A. Pace, a Baptist preacher, and S. P. Merrill, a lively stable keeper. After some argument, in which the men differed as to the merits or demerits of the amendment, Rev. Pace cut Merrill with a knife and the latter retaliated with a blow. Bystanders separated the men.

MORMONS DID NOT MONOPOLIZE TAFT

Senator Smoot Says Reports Sent Out from Utah False.

Washington, D. C.—Echoes of the trip of President Taft through Utah were heard here when Senator Smoot declared that the sensational publications in regard to the trip have been sent for political effect. According to the senator the Mormons did not try to monopolize the president, and the accounts to that effect were a gross slander on the state.

TENEMENTS FOR CONSUMPTIVES

Will Be Erected by William K. Vanderbilt in New York.

New York City.—Plans were filed for four model six-story tenements which are to be built for the accommodation of sufferers from tuberculosis at an outlay of \$650,000, not including cost of sites by William K. Vanderbilt. Roof gardens, open air balconies and other features designed to combat the white plague will make the tenements distinctive, and only moderate rentals will be charged.

Disfranchisement Beaten in Maryland

Baltimore, Md.—Unofficial figures show that the proposed amendment to the state constitution intended to disfranchise the negroes is defeated by 16,155, and that Hering, democrat, for state controller, defeated his republican opponent by 9,076. The legislature, on joint ballot, judging from incomplete returns, will stand 90 democrats and 38 republicans. In both houses the democrats will have the power again to bring the question of the disfranchisement of the negroes before the people at the next election.

Newspaper Paragraphs

The journal of the British Astronomical association says that the obliteration of the usual markings on the surface of the planet Mars during the September observations by a gloomy yellow veil indicates a gigantic catastrophe of some kind. The change may be connected with the abnormal electrical conditions of the sun.

"It looks at this time that if properly handled, the national congress will make the waterway movement a certainty this winter on a contract basis. There has been no convention in the history of this country looking to the development of the inland waterways which has had such an effect upon public sentiment as the one we are now holding here." Reviewing the immediate work of the great gathering and looking into the immediate future, President W. K. Kavanaugh of the Interstate-Gulf Deep Waterway association, just before the convention adjourned at New Orleans, summed up what had been accomplished by the convention and the results likely to accrue at an early date.

That "Uncle Joe" Cannon snored unmercifully is attested to by Mr. and Mrs. James U. Dulany, who left the northbound train, on which the speaker was a passenger, at Memphis, Tenn., in order to get some rest, Mrs. Dulany and her husband say that every time the sleeper, which was a Pullman Pullman for Chicago, complained of the noise emanating from "Uncle Joe's" berth. The porter refused to disturb the snorer and suggested to Mr. and Mrs. Dulany, left the car when it reached Memphis.

THE DECLINE IN COTTON

New York Letter Explains Slump in Price of Staple.

MARKET WAS OVERBOUGHT

The South Has Sold Cotton to Amount of \$350,000,000 and Is in a Position to Fight a Decline.

New York City.—The sudden decline in the cotton market came to many like a flash of lightning. To others, after an almost unbroken advance of \$15 a bale, a setback of \$2.05 to \$3, such as occurred then, was no more than natural. Fear and other interests are supposed to have reduced their holdings, if they are not actually out of the market. Wall street houses have been heavy sellers. So have the rank and file of cotton traders. The market had become heavily overbought, and when bulls withdrew their support, the price came down with startling suddenness. Vigorous hammering by bear leaders helped to bring it about. The net decline for the week is comparatively moderate, but bears predict that from now on there will be a gradual sagging of prices to a point where the spinners will be induced to hold freely. Foreign mills have bought heavily this season, but the American spinner has, for the most part, held aloof. As a rule, he claims that he could not buy the raw material at existing prices, and sell his goods at a profit. Therefore, it either abstains altogether from buying or else bought as little as possible. Also, there has been a steady spread of the movement to reduce the output of cotton goods so many hours a day or so many days in a week.

Of late the spot markets have shown less snap, less activity and strength. Liverpool's spot sales have suddenly dropped to a very small total daily. The New York stock is steadily increasing, as cotton can be bought from the south at a profit. Crop news has been rather more cheerful. The top crop of Texas and some other states, may turn out to be larger than at present estimated. Over election day there was very heavy selling, supposedly by Paten and other interests in New Orleans and Liverpool. The bulls believe that even a setback of 50 to 60 points in a day is no valid argument against the proposition that, sooner or later, prices must mount to a very much higher level. In the Sultry year, when the price was around 12 cents, and above, there were frequent setbacks of 40 points or more in a day, yet the price ultimately reached 17.55 cents. The exports are on a very large scale and spinners' takings for the season, despite the high prices ruling, show a considerable increase over those for the same period last season. Liverpool has been buying to liquidate straddles. At times both American and foreign spinners have been buyers of futures here. It is contended that the amount of cotton to the amount of \$350,000,000, and is in a position to fight a decline, and is likely to do so. Crop estimates from various sources have ranged from 10,000,000 to 11,000,000 bales, while bulls reason that the average estimates of the world's consumption of American cotton of less than 13,000,000 to 13,500,000 bales.

BLEED BY BLACKMAILERS

Thousands Extorted From Treasurer of Big Four Railway.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—In the presence of his wife and officials of the Big Four railway, C. L. Warriner, deposited local treasurer of the same, confessed that the shortage of his accounts, estimated at over \$100,000, was due to his paying blackmail to a man and a woman for the last three years.

In his confession, Warriner is said to have stated that he paid the blackmailers in all \$75,000. The man to whom this money was given is said to have been an old employee of the Big Four, and to have had knowledge of an earlier shortage in Warriner's accounts. For keeping quiet about this shortage he demanded and received from Warriner large sums. Steps will be taken to arrest him.

BURNED SICK FARMER'S CROP

Kentucky Night Riders Destroy Crop Valued at \$10,000.

Lexington, Ky.—Lying helpless in bed, Thomas Stafford saw his tobacco barn, with all its contents, a crop valued at \$10,000, burned by night riders in Jessamine county. Stafford had been warned to join the tobacco pool but had defied the threats made against him.

He was stricken recently with typhoid fever and this opportunity was seized by his foes.

GUILTY OF PEONAGE

Foreman of Railroad Gang is Given Fine.

Asheville, N. C.—In the United States court counsel for Robert Christian announced that he would not resist a verdict of guilty, whereupon Judge James E. Boyd sentenced the defendants to pay a fine of \$2,500.

Christian, together with W. L. Smith and W. A. Perry, railroad contractors, were indicted for peonage of the Interstate-Gulf Deep Waterway association, just before the convention adjourned at New Orleans, summed up what had been accomplished by the convention and the results likely to accrue at an early date.

GREAT EDUCATOR DEAD

William Torrey Harris, Former Commissioner of Education, Dead.

Providence, R. I.—William Torrey Harris, former United States commissioner of education, died here of heart failure.

Dr. Harris, from 1867 to 1880, was United States commissioner of education. His death came at the completion of a new edition of Webster's dictionary, of which he was the editor-in-chief.

MILLIONS FOR CHARITY

John Kennedy, New York Millionaire, Disposes of Over \$60,000,000.

New York City.—John Steward Kennedy, one of America's Bible Society rich men, who died of whooping cough in his New York residence recently, left bequests of more than \$60,000,000 to religious, charitable and educational institutions. In his will, agent for the American Bible Society, the largest single contributions of its kind ever made, and the beneficiaries include fifty-nine educational and church institutions in all parts of the United States and one abroad.

Nearly half of the \$25,000,000 goes to institutions connected with the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Kennedy had been an active member for many years. Other large beneficiaries are the American Bible Society, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the New York Public Library, the United Charities of New York, Columbia University and Robert College, Constantinople.

Aside from these gifts, Mr. Kennedy left approximately \$35,000,000 to his wife and his relatives and a great number of his friends and employees.

Born near Glasgow in 1830, Mr. Kennedy came to America in 1850 as agent for an English iron and metal concern. In 1857 he joined the New York banking firm of Morris K. Jesup & Co. and about eleven years later established the house of Kennedy & Co. He retired from active participation in the business in 1883.

NO POLAR QUARREL FOR GOVERNMENT

United States Will Not Take Part in Cook-Pearl Row.

Washington, D. C.—Refusing to be drawn into the Cook-Pearl North Pole controversy, the state department has declined a request that it cable American Minister Egan at Copenhagen to request of the University of Copenhagen permission to examine the records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook when they are submitted to that institution.

The request was made by a delegation from the National Geographic society, which will appoint a committee to visit the Arctic region and report on the expedition. Dr. Cook is to submit his records.

The request was made on the grounds that the examination would be by scientists of attainments particularly valuable to the polar problem and of repute in the scientific society, but of scientists generally in the United States.

Every effort was made to surround the delegation's visit with a veil of mystery. One of the members even denying his identity when approached by a reporter.

FEUD IN TENNESSEE

Two Victims Added to List in Hancock County.

Knoxville, Tenn.—A Hancock county feud of years standing has broken out afresh and two more victims added to the roll of the dead. James Yount, aged thirty, and George Greene, aged sixteen, are the last victims. James Davis, who admits the double killing, but says he did it in self-defense, has surrendered to the authorities at Knoxville. The feud existed between Davis and James Yount, and it is supposed that George Greene took Yount's part in the fight. Yount and Greene were not armed when they met death.

\$431,956,623 Sent Out of U. S.

Washington, D. C.—In the annual report of the auditor of the postoffice department, it is shown that during the last twenty years foreigners in the United States have sent to their homes, by means of money orders, the sum of \$431,956,623, in excess of the amount they received from abroad.

Train Deliberately Derailed

Mason City, Iowa.—All the mail and a large amount of money was burned on Iowa Central train No. 6, southbound, when the train was deliberately derailed to prevent a collision.

The trainman, James Edburn, caused the deraiment, sending the train into a ditch.

Cannon Wants Baseball Team

South Bend, Ind.—Speaker Cannon, of the United States house of representatives, is making an effort to buy the franchise of the South Bend club of the Central League and transfer the club to Danville, Ill. Mr. Cannon believes a good ball team would advertise Danville.

U. S. May Buy Pacific Port

Santiago, Chile.—According to a dispatch received here from Lima, Peru, the United States government has offered to buy a Pacific port from Peru for a coaling station.

Liquor Shipments Protected by Court

Guthrie, Okla.—Judge Cotterill, in the United States district court here, reaffirmed his decision that state officials cannot interfere with interstate commerce shipments, thus restraining the state enforcement officers from resisting shipments of liquor before they have been delivered to the consignees.

Forest Fires in Georgia

Albany, Ga.—One of the serious results of the long fall drought is being manifested in the increasing number of forest fires throughout this section. Some of the burns are great in extent than have been reported in many years.

CRUMP MAYOR OF MEMPHIS

Former Commissioner Wins in Close Election.

Memphis, Tenn.—Edward H. Crump at present a member of the fire police commission, was elected mayor of Memphis by a narrow majority of seventy-nine votes. Mr. Crump received a total of 5,593 votes, while his closest competitor, former Mayor J. J. Williams, received 5,514. The election was one of the closest and most exciting held in this city in recent years.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS

Government to Secure Valuable Data.

ENGINEERS TO TOUR DIXIE

Photographer to Secure Pictures Exemplary of the Status of Our Highways.

Washington, D. C.—The office of public roads of the United States department of agriculture is preparing to send an engineer and a photographer on a tour, beginning November 1, through most of the southern states, for the purpose of securing accurate data, with explanatory photographs, showing the present status of road building and maintenance in the south. The exact itinerary has not yet been arranged, but it is probable that the party will follow the line of the Southern Railway through Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama to Memphis, thence down through the Delta country to New Orleans, and thence eastward through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and up the Atlantic seaboard.

The investigation will result in the assembling of much interesting and useful data, not only as to the extent of road building in the south, but as to the status of public roads. From the standpoint of the engineer, the tour will be exceedingly instructive, as it will afford opportunity for a comparative study of crushed stone, gravel sand-clay shell and other types of road under various conditions of climate, topography and traffic, and in addition to this careful observation, will be made of the experimental, burnt-clay roads in the Mississippi delta, and of the oiled-burnt clay road at Greenville, Miss., constructed under the supervision of the United States office of public road work. It also will be made a subject of careful study, as well as the economic results following the expenditure of large sums of money for road building in many of the southern countries.

As the itinerary has not been definitely determined upon, it is possible that changes will be made from time to time in accordance with requests of various communities who may desire to be represented in this government report.

WROTE HIS WILL ON WALL

Savannah Hermit Found Dead in His Room.

Savannah, Ga.—Peter G. Leist, who claimed a dozen trades and professions, but who was a hermit, was found dead at his home in Savannah. He was seated in a chair, apparently staring at the wall of his room, on which he had written his will, leaving his property, which is considerable, to his son, who is in school at Sharon, Ga.

A year or more ago Leist's wife killed herself by blowing out her brains with a pistol. He shortly afterwards married again after an acquaintance of eight hours, and was at the time of his death seeking a divorce.

SUFFRAGETTES DEMAND CONCEDED

Three Women Named on Education Board by Mayor McClellan.

New York City.—Mayor McClellan appointed three women to the board of education, and thereby conceded one of the principal demands of woman suffrage organizations. It is the first time in a quarter of a century that women have gained representation on the board of education. The three women appointed are Mrs. Herman D. Robbin, Miss Olivia Leventritt, and Mrs. Alfred S. Post.

BLINDNESS CURED BY WEEPING

Sight Restored to Iowa Man in a Marvelous Manner.

Sioux City, Iowa.—The sight of William Holloway was suddenly restored to him, following a spell of weeping. When a son who had not been home in a long time, came to visit him, the father buried his face on the son's shoulders and wept.

"Wiping away the tears, Mr. Holloway exclaimed: "I can see you, Tom!" The sight had returned to his eyes.

DEAF MUTES DIVORCED

Called Each Other Names on Their Fingers.

St. Louis, Mo.—A divorce was granted in the circuit court to Mrs. Annie E. Burns, a deaf-mute, from Joseph Burns of Granite City, Ill., also a deaf-mute, on the testimony of a deaf-mute interpreter. The deaf-mute called her name on his fingers.

BANK GUARANTY LAW FAILURE

Depositors of Broken Oklahoma Bank Not Yet Paid.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—More than a half million dollars contributed by the state banks under the deposit guaranty law has been used in paying depositors of the insolvent Columbia Bank and Trust Company, which failed more than a month ago, and there remains more than \$400,000 in deposits to be paid with only \$112,300 in cash on hand to pay them, though sufficient assets, apparently, are available to provide for the remaining deposits. This condition is shown in a preliminary statement issued by A. M. Young, Oklahoma bank commissioner.

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LATE NEWS NOTES

General.

It has been definitely learned from authoritative sources that a syndicate of Baltimore capitalists has been organized for the purpose of extending the Albany and Northern railroad from Albany, Ga., to the gulf at St. Andrews bay. According to reliable information, funds for building the new road for one-third the distance of the extension are now in readiness, and the work of construction will begin in the immediate future. The distance to be covered is one hundred and eighty-six miles, direct from Albany, Ga., to River Junction, and thence to St. Andrews bay. The new railroad will penetrate one of the richest undeveloped sections of Virginia-Georgia.

The record price for a single bale of cotton was made at Luling, Texas, when a buyer paid E. A. Myers, a farmer, living near Luling, \$99 for a bale which weighed a little more than six hundred pounds. Mr. Myers also received \$16.25 for the seed, which made the bale bring him \$115.25.

Vital statistics for the first six months of the present year show an excess of deaths over births in France of 28,305. In 1908 the excess of deaths was 10,508, and this growing discrepancy has raised again a cry of alarm for the future of the French race, which is the only people of Europe experiencing such a calamity. Dr. Jacques Bertillon, the statistician, said that the low birth rate in France was most noticeable among the better classes, and was due primarily to the wish of parents to avoid the financial responsibility of bringing children into the world. He suggests a heavy increase of taxation upon families in which there are two children or less.

OUR PRESIDENT

Washington.

The first official step toward the abandonment of the barracks for the coast artillery corps at Key West, Fla., were taken when the war department issued an order for the transfer of the Twenty-first company of coast artillery to Fort Screven, Ga., and the one hundred and sixty-second company to Fort Duane, Fla. The Twenty-first company, which is the eighth company, which is detained there temporarily to care for government property.

The state department is informed from Panama that Mr. Hazera, the next Nicaraguan minister to the United States, sailed for New York November 7. No word has yet been received from Mr. Castillo, who was appointed by the Estrada revolutionary government to represent it in Washington.

It was announced at the American Federation of Labor headquarters in Washington that President Samuel Gompers would not further discuss the verdict of the District of Columbia court of appeals, affecting himself and others, and that he had nothing to add to his statement that the freedom would be carried to the supreme court of the United States.

"Break up the importers' graft" is the ultimatum of the treasury department and its customs collectors. Investigation has shown that importers in many cases leave fruit at the government docks until they have received the necessary permits for export, then enter it with a claim for allowance for decay, although selling the same goods later. Collector Loeb was advised to sell on three days' notice perishable fruits on which no entry had been made within forty-eight hours of the date of arrival, and to cancel the entry of the vessel bringing the shipment.

Major Andrew S. Rowan of the Fifth United States Infantry, known to fame as the man who carried Lieutenant General Miles' "message to Gracia" at the outbreak of the Spanish war, will be transferred to the retired list December next, on his application for retirement after thirty years' service. General Gracia with his small force of Cubans was nearly surrounded by the Spanish army in the interior of Cuba, and the success of Major Rowan's mission resulted in the latter's co-operation of the American and Cuban forces.

Representative Dwight of New York, the republican "whip" of the house of representatives, when in Washington recently, remarked to a party of friends that during the congressional session of congress the bill would probably make a record for economy that would surely be indorsed by the people. He said there would be many disappointments in the ranks of those who look for liberal appropriations for public building and for the improvement and legislation involving large expenditures. In the opinion of Representative Dwight, all estimates from the departments will be "cut to the bone" next session and no new departments of the government will be authorized. The geographical committee of the National Geographic society reported that it unanimously accepted Commander Peary's claims to have reached the north pole.

The great annual football contest between the West Point cadets and Annapolis midshipmen, which was to have taken place at Philadelphia, November 27, will not be played this year. The final decision was rendered by the athletic authorities of the naval academy, granting the request of the superintendent of the military academy to cancel the game owing to the death of Cadet E. A. Byrne.

During the months of July, August, September and October, the increase in federal expenditures was so great that the deficit at present is about \$22,000,000, notwithstanding a large increase of revenue under the new income law. This deficit is only \$10,000,000 less than that of last year during the same period.

On October 22, it was calculated that just half of the work on the Panama canal had been completed. This work added to what the French had done since 1882 makes the Panama canal, in the greater part of its length, ready for the greater California cut, where fifty steam shovels and fifty trains are at work.

The battleship Delaware, the largest of the American fighting craft, easily exceeded her contract requirement of twenty-one knots an hour, in the final test, when she established a world's record for her class.

RECEPTION TO PRESIDENT

Columbia and Augusta Gave Him Glad Hand.

COLUMBIA LEADS IN WELCOME

Banqueted Saturday Evening at Columbia and Takes Sabbath Rest at Augusta His Southern Home.

The President's afternoon in Columbia-Saturday was filled with interest. He was entertained at luncheon in the chamber of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol and remarked that South Carolina was the first State officially to greet him within the walls of its Capitol. The only other President ever to visit Columbia was Washington whose stay in the quaint old city is chronicled as having been an event in 1791. Like President Taft, Washington was entertained at luncheon in the State Capitol. The building which housed President Taft today, however, was not the same, though it is old enough to bear the scars of a bombardment from Sherman's army.

Following the evacuation of Columbia by Gen. Wade Hampton and the occupation by General Sherman, the entire business section of the city was burned.

Consequently the President Saturday looked upon a strange admixture of ante-bellum homes and skyscrapers indicative of modern progress.

During his long automobile ride



WILLIAM H. TAFT

through the city, the President was taken past the old Baptist church where the secession convention assembled. Through the misdirection of a native a Methodist church was burned by the Northern army as the supposed place of the inception of the secession. The President also saw the palatial old Preston mansion in which Sherman established his headquarters, and made a brief address to the students of the University of South Carolina on the old campus surrounded by a hollow square of buildings which have know no outward change since the days of the civil war.

The many reminders of the conflict of the sixties caused the President to speak at the luncheon in his honor with a fervor on the subject of the passing of all sectional feeling greater than he has displayed at any other city during his Southern trip. The President also made a speech at the State fair grounds.

After spending the entire afternoon in historic old Columbia