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## Two Weeks to Christmas



And the Children Are Dreaming of Santa Claus—BUY GIFTS NOW.

## MR. TAFT'S MESSAGE BRIEFLY OUTLINED

Some Important Features Are Touched Upon.

## CORPORATION LEGISLATION

Defers Tariff Change to the Next Congress—Against Another General Revision—Asks Canal Fortifications. The Civil Service, Etc.

The outstanding features of President Taft's message, sent to congress Tuesday, are these:

He declares it is time to stop legislating with reference to regulation of corporations and to witness the effect of a vigorous execution of the laws already on the statute books. The exact limitation upon business methods imposed by law will doubtless be made clearer by pending decisions of the supreme court.

Just at this time, the president says, he believes the activities of the government, in addition to enforcement of the laws, should be directed toward economy of administration, the enlargement of opportunities for foreign trade, the building up of home industry and the strengthening of confidence of capital in domestic investment.

Mr. Taft recommends strongly some form of ship subsidy to increase American shipping, especially to South America.

**Defers Tariff Question.**  
The tariff board is not ready to submit a report on any of the schedules of the Payne law and Mr. Taft says he will not recommend any tariff legislation until the new congress convenes in December, 1911.

He urges that the tariff board be made permanent and that all future revisions be made schedule by schedule. He vigorously opposes another general revision.

**Recommendation for anti-injunction and federal incorporation laws are renewed.**

It is proposed that second-class mail rates should be readjusted so as to charge magazines a much higher rate on their advertising sections.

**New Currency System.**  
Strong representations are made for the establishment of a new banking and currency system.

Estimates for government expenditures during the next fiscal year have been cut to \$630,494,013.12, which is \$52,964,887.36 less than the actual appropriations for the current year. The estimated receipts for the next fiscal year are \$680,000,000.

The president urges the extension of the civil service principle to all classes of postmasters and to the dip-

lomatic and consul corps and the acquisition by the government of residences and offices for its diplomatic officers.

Some criticisms of the Payne tariff act are just, says the president, but more are unfounded.

There should be more officers for the army. The engineer corps should be increased by 60.

Regarding the Panama canal the president says:

"The progress of the work is most satisfactory. It will be completed well within the time set, January 1, 1915, and within the estimated cost of \$375,000,000. The slides in Culebra Cut offer no great reason for delay."  
**Must Fortify Canal.**

Failure to fortify the canal would leave the United States powerless to enforce the universal and equal use of the waterway against a desperate and irresponsible enemy and would defeat the object of the canal in increasing the military effectiveness of the American navy.

Regarding the courts the president declares the crying need of the United States is cheapening the cost of litigation by simplifying judicial procedure and expediting final judgment. The supreme court should be relieved from unnecessary appeals. The salaries of federal judges should be increased.

Postal savings banks will be established in a number of cities January 1. A parcels post on rural delivery routes is recommended. Postmaster General Hitchcock is given high praise for putting the postoffice department on a self-sustaining basis.

**Prosecute Census Padders.**  
The present census promises to be the best ever taken, but is not perfect. The census padders are to be vigorously prosecuted.

A bureau of health should be established.

Heavier fines should be imposed against steamship companies for violating the immigration laws. The facilities at Ellis Island, New York, should be so increased as to offer an inducement to the steamship companies to concentrate their immigrant business at one port. Immigrants are needed in the rural districts.

Some provision should be made for retiring superannuated government clerks.

The only amendments suggested in the interstate commerce law are an appropriation to enable the interstate commerce commission to ascertain the valuation of railroads and fixing the responsibilities of public carriers in the issuance of bills of lading.

James Tunney, a native of Baltimore and for several years past a wealthy resident of Gulfport, Miss., dropped dead in the Harrison county court. He was a spectator.

## BEDOUINS MASSACRE.

More Than One Hundred Christians Were Killed.

A telegram from Jerusalem states that Bedouins have massacred the Turkish garrison at Kerak, a town in the Turkish vilayet of Syria, and killed more than 100 Christian inhabitants of the place in revenge for the execution of a Bedouin chief.

The Bedouins, the dispatch adds, now hold the fortress, in the vicinity of which there had been desultory fighting between tribesmen and the government troops for the past year and a half.

Kerak, formerly the capital of Moab, has a population of 8,000, of whom 6,000 are Moslems. The town is the last on the road from Damascus to Mecca, where Christians reside. It stands on the mountains of Moab and may be seen from Jerusalem, 50 miles away.

There are no American missionaries there, the only missionary station being that of the British church missionary society for Africa and the east. This is a branch of the organization at Es Salt and is composed of one missionary, his wife and one native worker.

Population statistics of the 13th census issued by the census bureau include figures for the following states: Arkansas, 1,574,449, an increase of 162,885, or 20 per cent. over 1,311,564 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 183,385, or 16.3 per cent. South Carolina, 1,515,400, an increase of 175,034, or 13.1 per cent. over 1,340,316 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 189,167, or 16.4 per cent.

## WILL SURRENDER PORTER CHARLTON

Secretary Knox Has Granted Italy's Request.

## WIFE MURDER IS CHARGED

Nation Compelled, Under Its Treaty, to Deliver Fugitives to Italy—Question of Charlton's Insanity One for Courts to Decide.

Secretary Knox has granted the request of Italy to surrender Porter Charlton, charged with the murder of his wife at Lake Como.

The secretary holds that the fact that Italy refuses to surrender her citizens to the United States for trial does not relieve this country from the obligation of the extradition treaty to surrender to Italy fugitives from justice from that country.

The question of the insanity of Charlton, it is suggested, is one for the courts and not for the department to determine.

Had Secretary Knox refrained from acting upon this case for six days, Porter Charlton would have been a free man, as the statutes required final action in the case within sixty days from the date of his commitment.

## MET DEATH IN FLAMES.

While Woman Was Hanging Pictures Clothing Caught Fire.

Mrs. Spurgeon Simpson met a horrible death by burning at her home in Rocky Creek district, near Lawrenceville, Ga. She was engaged in hanging some pictures and was standing on a table in front of an open fireplace when her clothing ignited and the flames rapidly spread over her body. She was at home alone, and before assistance could be secured she was burned so badly that death resulted in a short time.

Mrs. Simpson was 23 years of age, the wife of Spurgeon Simpson, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith. Her tragic death caused great grief in the community.

The remains were interred at Harmony Grove, the funeral being conducted by her old pastor, Rev. J. S. Askew, of Inman, Ga.

## END TO ABSOLUTE REIGN.

Political Events in China Are Moving Rapidly.

It seems safe to announce that the ancient absolute regime in China will exist only historically after the Chinese new year, in January, 1911. It is stated that the throne has decided to accede to the resolution of the imperial senate praying for the immediate creation of a constitutional cabinet.

Political events in China have moved with a rapidity that appears almost revolutionary when it is considered that the provincial assemblies representing the first step toward popular government in the empire's history of thousands of years were inaugurated so recently as October 14, 1909.

## A CHAPTER OF CASUALTIES.

Calvin Ezele and Sylvester Peyton, negroes, were found hanging to a tree at Double Branches, two miles from Monroeville, Ala. They had been arrested on a charge of burning the barn and outhouses on the place of Edgar Bass, near Jones Mill, and confessed to the crime. A deputy sheriff of Monroe county had them in charge and was bringing them to Monroeville for safe-keeping when he was overpowered by unknown men, his prisoners taken from him and strung up to a neighboring tree.

John W. Schaum, formerly part owner of the Milwaukee Journal, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. Business troubles are assigned as the cause.

General Henry Edwin Tremain, one of the founders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and one of the best-known lawyers of New York, is dead. Three weeks ago he passed his seventieth birthday.

## VICTOR BERGER.

First Socialist Ever Elected to United States Congress.



\$748,414,861 NEEDED BY U. S.

Secretary MacVeagh Submits Estimates for Appropriations for 1912.

The estimate of appropriations required for every branch of the federal government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, aggregating \$748,414,861, were submitted to congress by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh. This grand total stands against estimates of \$746,067,497 and appropriations of \$805,294,513 for the current fiscal year, which appropriation included over \$10,000,000 for the census and over \$10,600,000 for the postal deficiency and other deficiencies.

The estimates were distributed as follows:

War department, \$205,257,546; interior department, \$189,151,875; treasury department, \$141,599,997; agriculture, \$19,681,066; navy department, \$128,942,158; commerce and labor, \$16,276,970; District of Columbia, \$13,602,786; legislative, \$13,426,806; justice, \$10,063,576; state, \$4,875,576; independent offices including interstate commerce commission, \$2,638,695; postoffice department proper, \$1,697,490; deficiency in postal revenues, no estimate yet; executive, \$998,170; territorial governments, \$202,150.

## 100-FOOT FALL.

Boy Plunged to His Death in Home-made Aeroplane.

Beneath the rock upon which he fell from the 700-foot plunge in his "home-made" aeroplane, the body of Walter Archer, the 17-year-old inventor, of Salda, Cal., was buried by his parents, and on the grave they burned what was left of the wrecked machine.

The burial of the lad at the spot where he met death was in accordance with his own wishes, expressed to his mother a few days before the accident.

A Rome, Italy, dispatch says: Francesco Tedeco, minister of the treasury, in making the financial statement to the chamber of deputies, announced that the net surplus for 1909-10 amounted to over 19,000,000 lire. The surplus for 1910-11 is estimated at 94,000,000 and that of 1911-12 at 51,000,000.

## Wants to Help some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and could not find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels for all distress from backache, nervousness, loss of appetite, lassitude and kidney disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters work wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for Liver Trouble, dyspepsia, blood disorders, female complaints and malaria. Try them. 50c at Allison & Macfie's.

## County Government.

Representative—G. W. Wilson.  
Clerk Superior Court—T. T. Loftis.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector—C. C. Kilpatrick.  
Treasurer—Z. W. Nicholls.  
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.  
Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.  
Surveyor—A. L. Hardin.  
Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n; G. T. Lyday, W. E. Galloway.  
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.  
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.  
Attorney—R. L. Gash.

## Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, jr.  
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, F. L. DeVane, E. W. Carter.  
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.  
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.  
Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.  
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.  
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

## Professional Cards.

R. L. GASH.

LAWYER

11 and 12 McMinn Building

Notary Public.

H. G. BAILEY

Civil and Consulting Engineer and Surveyor

CITY ENGINEER HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

## NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX.

Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of Washington E. Galloway, late of the county of Transylvania, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said testator, to present their claims to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of July, 1911, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate settlement. This July 9th, 1910.

SARAH LUCINDA GALLOWAY, W. E. Galloway, atty. \*Executrix.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. C. McGaha, deceased, late of Transylvania county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at office of R. L. Gash, Esq., Brevard, N. C., on or before the 27th day of May, 1911, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 20th day of May, 1910.

V. B. MCGAHA,

Adm'r estate of J. C. McGaha, deceased

## Entry No. 2568.

W. J. Owen enters and claims six hundred and forty (640) acres of land, lying in Hogback Township, on the waters of Indian creek. Beginning on a white oak, E. D. Owen's corner, and runs thence north 66 deg. east sixty (60) poles to a hickory stump on top of the Blue Ridge; thence south 24 degrees east with S. A. Owen's line to a stone, S. A. Owen's corner, on top of the Blue Ridge; thence south with the top of the Blue Ridge to a black oak, John Kizer's corner; thence west, running so as to include all the vacant land on Indian creek. B. A. GILLESPIE, Entry Taker.

## The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1911 Almanac

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