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## \$3,500,000,000 IS VALUE OF EXPORTS

### Trade Records of United States Broken In 1910.

### THE GREATEST IN HISTORY

Combined Exports and Imports as Compiled by the Bureau of Statistics of Department of Commerce and Labor.

With the enormous total of almost \$3,500,000,000, the total value of the foreign trade of the United States during the year which ended December 31, 1910, was greater than that of any year ever before and left a balance in favor of the country of over \$200,000,000. It exceeded the former high record of 1907 by about \$80,000,000. This great total is the value of the combined exports and imports of the country, as compiled by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Besides this new record, another record was broken during 1910 in the value of imports from abroad. They amounted to \$1,562,807,622, compared with \$1,475,520,724 in 1909; \$1,116,374,087 in 1908 and \$1,423,169,820 in 1907.

The exports during the year were larger than in any year except those of 1907, the total being \$1,864,411,270, compared with \$1,728,198,645 in 1909, \$1,752,835,447 in 1908, and \$1,923,426,892 in 1907.

The balance of trade in favor of the United States in its dealings with foreign nations increased almost \$50,000,000 over the 1909 balance. The excess of exports over imports for the year was \$301,603,648, compared with \$252,677,921 in 1909.

December exports were valued at \$227,155,049, being larger by \$20,000,000 than in any earlier month in the history of the export trade. The December imports were slightly greater than those of November, but slightly less than those of December, 1909.

The share of the imports entering free of duty in 1910 was 49.23 per cent, against 47.453 per cent in 1909 and 45.20 per cent in 1908.

### LIBERTY AND FORTUNE.

#### Released From Pen Man Learns of \$45,000 Left Him.

M. B. Pratt went to the penitentiary from Delta county, Texas, several years ago practically penniless after exhausting a fortune in an effort to retain his liberty. He was convicted on a manslaughter charge.

Last Christmas Pratt was among those given their liberty with the seasons compliments, and now he has been advised that he is the heir to an estate valued at \$45,000, bequeathed by a relative who died recently.

### \$1,000,000 GOES UP IN SMOKE.

#### Chamber of Commerce Burned at Cincinnati.

Entailing a loss of more than one million dollars, Cincinnati suffered its second great fire within three weeks, when the chamber of commerce building at Fourth and Vine streets was destroyed, adjacent property damaged, a dozen firemen injured and possibly lives lost.

The Cincinnati stock exchange and the Louisville and Nashville railroad offices, both of which contained records almost invaluable, were consumed in the conflagration.

Only the bare walls of what was Cincinnati's most magnificent architectural building remain. The building had a valuation of \$1,000,000, while the fixtures in the various offices were valued at \$50,000.

### GAVE SON POISON.

#### Poverty Drove Pretty Widow to Desperation and Crime.

Arrested as she claimed her trunk in the New York Central railroad station, Mrs. Edith Melber, a pretty widow, who says she is 23 years of age, of Schenectady, confessed, according to the police, that in a swamp near Albany she gave her 5-year-old son, George, carbolic acid, from the effects of which he died.

She was then locked up on a charge of first degree murder, and will be returned to Albany.

In explanation of her crime, the police say Mrs. Melber asserts that she has been a widow four years, during which time she has had a struggle to care for herself and her child, and that this battle for existence drove her to take the boy's life.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Georgia School for Deaf held at Cave Springs, Ga., resolutions were passed asking the government to recommend compulsory education for all deaf children for at least five years.

### UNION OF METHODISTS.

#### Steps Taken Towards Welding Southern and Northern Branches.

A long step was taken at Chattanooga in the organic union of Methodism in America, when the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church (northern branch) agreed to consolidate and build one great church and be one people.

A meeting of interest to American Methodism as a whole was held. Twenty-five representatives of each branch of Methodism met and discussed the future of Chattanooga Methodism. Members of these two churches, which separated in 1845, on account of political and ecclesiastical differences, declared themselves one in spirit, and, while recognizing loyalty to their respective denominations, every speaker showed himself in favor of a re-union of the Methodist family in America.

John A. Patten and Bishop William Anderson, both members of the commission on organic union, participated in the discussion. President John H. Race, of Chattanooga university, made a strong appeal for union.

### GEN. WRIGHT IN RACE.

#### New Phase in Tennessee Senatorial Succession.

The battle for the senatorial succession will assume a new phase this week, when General Luke E. Wright, of Memphis, former Secretary of War and former Governor General of the Philippines, shies his castor into the ring. For two weeks, it is said, General Wright has been looking over the situation, and quietly biding his time. He has never said he would or would not be a candidate, but the information comes pretty straight that the name of Wright will be presented to the assemblymen.

It has been common talk in the lobbies for several days that General Wright was not disposed to interfere with ex-Governor Benton McMillin's chances to win the prize, but now it is insisted by the ex-War Secretary's friends that McMillin having failed to secure the necessary 67 votes, it is not unfair for their favorite to get into the running.

### A STRANGE INCIDENT.

#### Through Protestant Clergyman Catholic Receives Absolution.

A strange incident has occurred in a hospital at Huelva, Spain. An American was dying, and, not being able to speak a word of Spanish, made signs that he wished to receive the last sacrament. Thinking he was a Protestant, the authorities had a in, but the dying man told him that Church of England clergyman called he was a Roman Catholic.

Since no Catholic priest could be found who understood English, the man made his confession and received absolution through the intermediary of the Protestant clergyman, who acted as interpreter, and took an oath to observe strict secrecy regarding what he had heard.

### SUITS AGAINST ROADS.

#### On Eve of Retirement Texas Governor Directs Action.

On the eve of his retirement, Governor T. M. Campbell, of Texas, directed Attorney General Jewell P. Lightfoot to bring suit against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas and the International and Great Northern Railroad companies seeking the forfeiture of their charters. The suits are to be based on the insolvent corporation act enacted by the Legislature of 1906, and, it is declared, are forerunners to similar suits against 50 other railway companies operating in the state.

Data collected by Railroad Commissioner D. W. Williams will furnish the grounds for the litigation.

### DIAZ TROOPS DEFEATED.

#### Over Twenty Men Killed and Many Wounded.

More than twenty men were killed in a desperate battle between the Mexican federal soldiers and a small party of insurgents on the bank of the Rio Grande, opposite Comstock, Texas. The insurgents had only 13 men, and for three hours they held at bay about 75 rurales and about 100 infantry soldiers.

Of the 18 insurgents, 2 were killed and 7 wounded. E. S. O'Reilly, correspondent with the insurgents, received a slight wound in the thigh.

The arrival of 20 more insurgents in the last few minutes of the fight saved the defenders, and prevented what probably would have been a massacre of the little band.

While examining a rifle he thought was not loaded, Wiley Walker, aged 10, the son of a prominent York county, Virginia, farmer, instantly killed his brother, Linwood, aged 15.

## TROUBLE OVER WILL OF MOTHER EDDY

### Attorneys Say Church Can't Get Property.

### FORTUNE PASSES TO KIN

#### Hannis Taylor, Ex-Senator Chandler and Others Declare Will is Null and Void—Injunction is Asked to Prevent Any Disposition of the Property.

That the residuary clause in the will of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, is null and void, is the opinion of ex-Senator William E. Chandler, Hannis Taylor, of Washington, D. C., professor of constitutional and international law at George Washington University, and others, as given out for publication at Concord, N. H. The clause provides for a gift of about \$200,000 to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, known as the "mother church."

A statute of New Hampshire prohibiting a bequest to a church of over \$5,000 annually is the basis of the opinion which is written by Professor Taylor.

#### The Facts Reviewed.

Mr. Chandler, as counsel for the "next friends," in his letter to Professor Taylor reviews the facts regarding Mrs. Eddy's will and estate and the "next friends" suit which resulted in Mrs. Eddy's placing a large sum of money in trust for her son, George W. Glover, of Lead, S. D., and his children. He then described his signing the agreement by which the "next friends" suit was settled and adds:

"Mr. Streeter (General Frank S. Streeter, of Concord) drew the agreement for my signature. When signing I took it for granted that Mrs. Eddy would not, in giving away her property, undertake to violate public law. If I had thought she had already done so, by attempting to create a church with an endowment of \$2,000,000, I should not have signed."

A petition was filed in the superior court at Concord by ex-Senator Chandler and other attorneys, asking the court for a construction of Mrs. Eddy's will, particularly the clause relating to the residuary estate.

The petitioners also pray for an injunction against any disposition being made of the property in question pending the construction of the residuary clause.

### MRS. SUTHERLIN DEAD.

#### "Last Capitol of Confederacy" Loses Its Mistress.

Mrs. Jane Patrick Sutherland, aged 83, and widow of Major W. T. Sutherland, died at her historic home at Danville, Va., widely known as the last capitol of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Sutherland was hostess to President Jefferson Davis and his Cabinet, following their memorable flight after the evacuation of Richmond. It was at the Sutherland home that President Davis assembled his Cabinet for the last official conference and signed the last documents of the Confederacy before the surrender of General Lee. It is probable that the Sutherland home and spacious lawn will be preserved.

Mrs. Sutherland leaves only one direct descendant, a great-grandchild, Janie Sutherland Barrett, the daughter of E. W. Barrett, editor of The Birmingham Age-Herald.

### CLEMENTS IS CHOSEN.

#### Georgia Man Chairman to Succeed Judge M. A. Knapp, of New York.

Judson C. Clements, of Georgia, has been unanimously elected chairman of the interstate commerce commission, vice Martin A. Knapp, of New York, who has been elevated to the circuit court bench by President Taft. Chairman Clements will head the commission until 1913, when his term expires, and in the event of his re-appointment, will doubtless be re-elected to the chairmanship.

As chairman of the commission, Judge Clements becomes an ex-officio mediator under the Erdman act for the adjustment of differences between railroad companies and their employees. He will serve in this connection with Commissioner of Labor Neill. His services in this capacity will in many respects prove quite as important as his work as an interstate commissioner, it is believed.

A letter written twenty-five years ago and lost, probably in a mail car, has just been delivered to Thomas Howe, president of Butler college, Irvington, Ind., who chanced to be in Kokomo. Mr. Howe was a son-in-law of A. E. Armstrong, a wealthy Kokomo man, to whom the letter was addressed and who has been dead for seven years. The letter was written by Richard Huncheon, who has been dead a year.

### EDWARD M. SHEPARD.

Candidate For Senator From New York to Succeed Depew.



### GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL

#### Valliant Fight Made Through Two Alabama Legislatures.

The Governor's salary bill, as far as it applies to Emmett O'Neal, who takes the oath of office this week, is dead.

After a valliant fight through two houses of the Legislature, after ceaseless work by its friends, after receiving more than a two-thirds vote of either branch of the Legislature, it fell Saturday.

Future Governors of Alabama will in all probability receive \$7,500 a year will have to conduct the business of their services, but Emmett O'Neal his office on a compensation of \$5,000 a year.

Outside of the Governor's salary measure, the session Saturday was marked by a terrific influx of bills, which clearly indicated the amount of work the Legislature will have to accomplish during the fifty days of its sessions. Nearly twenty bills were introduced in the Senate, while sixty-four were referred to committees in the house.

### GENERAL ARPAD GOCSZEL, WHOSE NEWS FOREIGN BANK SUSPENDED IN ITEMS.

Pittsburg, sent a bullet through his brain at the home of a friend at Connelville, Pa. The body was found in the bathroom. Goczsel had conducted a foreign bank in Grant street, Pittsburg, and had been in financial trouble for some time.

Charles F. Johnson, of Waterville, Me., democratic candidate for governor of Maine in 1892 and again in 1894, a member of the state board of legal examiners, and a prominent lawyer, was nominated on the first ballot at the democratic caucus to succeed United States Senator Eugene Hale at the expiration of the latter's term on March 4 next. As the Maine legislature is safely democratic, his nomination is regarded as equivalent to an election. He will be the first democrat to represent Maine in the senate since 1847.

An increase of \$897,000,000 in New York tax valuations over 1910 is shown by the report of the tax commissioner for 1911, which has just been made public. This will increase the borrowing capacity of the city \$89,700,000. Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Russell Sage, widow of Russell Sage, head the list of personal assessments with \$5,000,000 each opposite their names. John D. Rockefeller's personal property is put down at \$2,500,000; his brother William is assessed but \$300,000 and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is rated at \$250,000.

Despondent because she could no longer play the piano, owing to the stiffening of the fingers of her left hand, is given by her family as the cause for the suicide of Miss Maude Edington, at Madisonville, Ky. Almost constant playing, it is said, caused the fingers to become stiff. Deprived of her music, Miss Edington determined to end her life, and swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid.

John Quincy Adams, a descendant of the signer of the Declaration of Independence, died at his home in New York, from Bright's disease. He was 63 years old. Mr. Adams was a charter member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and one of the founders of the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association.

A Washington dispatch says: The agricultural appropriation bill has been completed and it will be reported to the House immediately by the committee on agriculture. It carries \$15,500,000 in addition to the \$3,000,000 of permanent appropriations.

Charles A. Kline has been appointed assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Railway, with headquarters in Washington. Mr. Kline was formerly chief clerk of the passenger department, and has been with the Southern about fifteen years.

### County Government.

Representative—Thos. S. Wood.  
Clerk Superior Court—Cos. Paxton.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector—Fred. A. Shuford.

Treasurer—Z. W. Nichols.  
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.  
Coroner—Dr. A. E. Lyday.  
Surveyor—J. C. Wike.  
Commissioners—W. L. Brooks, G. T. Lyday, Arthur Miller.

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,

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### 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,  
Welch 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 pleaded 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.

### Executrix Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executrix of the last will and testament of W. B. Duckworth, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified that they must present same before the 25th day of November, 1911, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate are required to make immediate payment. MRS. ELLA F. DUCKWORTH.

### The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1911

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