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NEEDS OF THE NAVY

Saving of \$5,000,000 for 1912. Necessary Items.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEARY.

Eight Naval Stations Are Recommended to be Disposed of—Total Amount Asked For Navy is \$127,067,329—Business System.

Washington.—The estimates of Secretary of the Navy Meyer for the fiscal year 1912, which shows a saving of \$5,000,000 as compared with the appropriation for the Navy Department for the current year, provide for an expenditure of \$8,135,837 for public works at the navy yards and stations. These are for items regarded as absolutely essential and are based upon a personal inspection by Secretary Meyer of the navy yards and stations, which he made on his recent tour.

The Secretary asks for \$7,630,000 for provisions of the navy, which is an increase of \$158,929 over the appropriations for the current year. Provisions for the marine corps are estimated at \$820,000, an increase of \$96,457 for this year.

As the first year's appropriation for the new vessels which the Secretary recommends, the sum of \$10,000 as the necessary figure for construction and machinery and \$6,750,428 for arms and armament, which is \$3,494,194 less than the amount appropriated for the new building program this year. In addition the Secretary recommends \$10,453,619 for the continuation of work on vessels now under construction, which is \$6,982,105 less than the amount appropriated for a similar purpose this year.

The total amount which will be submitted to Congress for the Navy Department under the naval legislative and sundry civil bills for next year will be \$127,067,329 as compared with \$132,378,980 for this year or a decrease in exact figures of \$5,311,651.

Secretary Meyer recommends giving up and disposing of the naval stations at New Orleans, Pensacola, San Juan, Port Royal, New London, Sackets Harbor, Culebra and Cavite. He finds that the average yearly cost of maintaining these stations for the past five years has been \$3,672,675, while very little useful work has been performed there-in.

In making these recommendations the Secretary says he is following directly along the progressive plans which have been adopted in our great commercial and manufacturing consolidations in this country, that is, of dismantling unnecessary and antiquated plants and discontinuing their existence, where it has been demonstrated that it is unprofitable to continue them at a cost not commensurate with their cost.

The discovery of the North Pole by Robert E. Peary, after years of patient and arduous endeavor is declared to be an event which has added to the honor and credit of our country. Says Secretary Meyer: "It is fitting that the government should recognize the value of his services, and their successful determination. If it meets with your approval, I recommend that Peary, the discoverer of the North Pole, be given a commission by legislation, as Rear Admiral of the Corps of Civil Engineers of the Navy, to date from April 6, 1909, the date of his discovery of the Pole, and that he be retired as of that date with the highest retired pay of that grade."

China Will Expand Navy.

Peking.—An important step has been taken by China with the object of expanding and increasing the efficiency of her army and navy. The throne has issued edicts creating a Navy Department, which up to the present, has consisted merely of a tentative board for the conduct of naval affairs. Prince Tsai Sun, uncle of the Emperor, who recently paid an extensive visit to the United States, has been appointed president of the new department.

VENERABLE WOMAN GONE

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Head of Christian Scientist Church, Passes at Age of Ninety.

Boston.—Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science is dead.

"Natural causes" explains the death, according to Dr. George L. West, a district medical examiner, who was summoned a few hours after Mrs. Eddy died. Later Dr. West added that the more immediate cause was probably pneumonia.

Sketch of Her Life.

Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, the "discoverer" and founder of Christian Science, was born in Bow, N. H. Her father was a man of some property and local distinction. He was a friend of President Franklin Pierce and other well-known men of his time. Mrs. Eddy was related to Gen. John McNeill, a hero of the battle of Lundy's Lane. On her father's side she was related to Gen. Henry Knox of revolutionary war fame. She was a first cousin to Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia.

As a young woman she was a confirmed invalid until the healing incident which ushered her to the threshold of Christian Science.

In 1843 Mrs. Eddy married George Washington Glover and removed with him to Charleston, S. C. A few months after their marriage Major Glover was stricken with yellow fever and died in Wilmington, N. C. Mrs. Glover returned to the home of her relative in Tilton, N. H., where her son was born.

In 1853 in the hope of regaining possession of her son, from whom she had been obliged by circumstances to separate, Mrs. Eddy married Dr. Daniel Patterson, a dentist of Franklin, N. H.

It was in 1856 that Mrs. Eddy met with the accident which was the immediate cause of her "discovery" of Christian Science. She was living at that time at Swampscott, just outside of Lynn. She fell on the ice and was injured internally so severely that the physician who was called gave no hope of her recovery.

Ignoring the medicine which had been prescribed, Mrs. Eddy, in her extremity turned to her Bible and claimed to have received such inspiration and spiritual enlightenment from the account of the healing of the man with the palsy that she arose from her bed a well-woman. Following this remarkable incident Mrs. Eddy spent three years in seeking an explanation of her healing. She had always been a student of philosophy, was acquainted somewhat with homeopathy, had examined the claims of animal magnetism and spiritualism and was an earnest student of the Bible.

After her discovery of the healing power of Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy made frequent applications of her theory to existing conditions. She tested her metaphysical system in the treatment of disease and it is said to have met with remarkable success.

Mrs. Eddy secured a divorce from Dr. Patterson and in 1877 married Dr. Asa G. Eddy, one of her early students in Christian Science, who died in 1882. For some years Mrs. Eddy taught Christian Science in Lynn. In 1881 she chartered the Massachusetts Metaphysical College in Boston. The charter for the first Christian Science church was obtained in 1879 and in that year Mrs. Eddy was called to become the pastor of the church. She was ordained in 1884, although she had preached five years previously.

Church Union Committees Action.

Baltimore.—The joint commission of twenty seven, representing the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Protestant and the Southern Methodist Churches appointed a committee of nine to further consider the matter of union or closer relations of the churches and report to another meeting of the whole commission which will be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., next spring. The committee was in session here three days.

Appealing For Panama Exposition.

New Orleans.—Headed by Mayor Martin Behrman of New Orleans, a large delegation of Louisiana citizens are in Washington to press before Congress the claims of this city for an exposition.

Fought Duel With Swords.

Paris.—A desperate duel with swords was fought in the outskirts of Paris by the light of torches and automobile lamps. The principals in the duel were M. Raucourt, an actor, and M. Champagne.

ROADS BREAK TRUST LAW

Charged With Violations of Sherman Anti-Trust Law.—Grain Carried at Illegal Rates.

Savannah, Ga.—After hearing testimony for several days the Federal grand jury of the United States court for southern district of Georgia has handed down indictments charging infringement of the anti-trust laws on the part of three large corporations and two individuals. The Atlantic Coast Line Railway and Seaboard Air Line Railway were each jointly indicted with the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company for specific violations of the Sherman anti-trust and Elkins laws, while Harvie Miller and Morris Miller, grain merchants and members of the firm of L. F. Miller & Sons of Philadelphia.

The Merchants and Miners Transportation Company was indicted three times, once as a sole offender, and twice in connection with the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line railways. Morris F. Miller and Harvie C. Miller, of Philadelphia, were immediately arrested and placed under bonds of \$25,000 each.

The indictments are lengthy, covering in one instance 75 pages. In each indictment specific allegations are made of the acts which constitute the alleged infractions of the trust laws.

The beginning of the investigation against the defendants arose from complaints registered with the Interstate Commerce Commission during the summer, to the effect that the Miller firm had effectively destroyed competition in grain shipments over an enormous territory embracing points along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and in the South Atlantic States.

In addition to this infraction of the law, it was found that grain shipped from Western to Eastern points enjoyed the export rates instead of domestic, and a saving of from one to three cents on each hundred pounds was effected by the Philadelphia firm.

FIFTY YEARS ON \$167 ANNUALLY.

Methodist Ministers Did This Successfully and Comfortably.

Sardis, Miss.—That for 50 years he has been in the service of the Methodist Episcopal Church South he has never earned more than \$467 yearly and that he has never left a debt behind, has lived comfortably and has lived to see the third generation of his descendants grow almost to maturity, was the statement of Rev. Dr. G. Bachman, of this city, before a meeting of the Historical Society of the North Mississippi Conference.

The Doctor accentuated his remarks by admonishing a large class of young ministers just ordained that the business of young ministers nowadays was the salvation of men, not the struggle for church position and personal popularity.

He deplored the fact that the clergy seems to have lost sight of this fact in recent years.

Tillman's Son Sued by Wife.

Columbia, S. C.—Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman has begun proceedings in the Edgefield county court to recover from her husband, B. R. Tillman, Jr., Senator Tillman's son, \$13,730.08 which she alleges the defendant owes her from the income from her property. The suit is an outgrowth of the sensational habeas corpus proceedings which Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman brought against the Massachusetts Metaphysical College in Boston. The charter for the first Christian Science church was obtained in 1879 and in that year Mrs. Eddy was called to become the pastor of the church. She was ordained in 1884, although she had preached five years previously.

Assassin Fires at Prohibitionist.

Lynchburg, Va.—An unidentified man fired a revolver bullet through the window of the headquarters of the local Anti-Saloon League, occupied by Rev. J. D. McAlister, general secretary of the State Anti-Saloon League. The bullet lodged in the wall directly over the desk of Mr. McAlister, who had left the room only a few minutes before the shooting.

Mr. McAlister has been leading the campaign of the "dry" forces in the license campaign.

Canal 60 Per Cent Complete.

New York.—Members of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives have reached New York from the canal zone, after having given hearings to the various departments of the canal service as to their requirements for the coming fiscal year. Evidence on estimates was taken for the amount to recommend to Congress. Canal officials ask \$17,000,000. Representative Tawney said that in the main the canal was 60 per cent complete.

UNCLE SAM IS NOT BROKE

Million Dollar Surplus—October Deficit of \$5,000,000—\$34,000,000 on Hand—\$86,000,000 Gen. Fund.

Washington—November was a highly favorable month for the finances of the United States Treasury. It produced a surplus on all accounts of nearly \$1,000,000, where October had produced a deficit of more than \$5,000,000.

The working conditions of the nation's cash drawer shows a corresponding improvement for the month. December opened with a working balance of \$34,000,000 on hand and \$86,000,000 in the general fund, an improvement of a round \$2,000,000 in the cash available for immediate operations. This condition would seem to justify Secretary MacVeagh's confidence in the Treasury's ability to maintain itself for the present without financing.

As compared with this date last year receipts were \$44,000,000 higher and expenditures were \$5,000,000 lower. The result of all this is that the total deficit for this fiscal year to date is \$20,000,000 as against \$44,000,000 this time last year.

The general condition of the Treasury's finances seems to augur against any issue of securities in the immediate future.

PRESIDENT EIGHTH TIME.

Diaz Again Inaugurated Chief Magistrate of Mexico.

Mexico City.—"It is very gratifying to me to say that my heart is full of faith in the progress of a people who, like the Mexican, has known how to conquer by its own efforts a place among the lovers of toil, after having proved its valor in war and patriotic defense of its country, and that never today could I declare that Mexico belongs definitely to the group of nations of assured stability, because against the firm guarantee of peace which we possess, no influence tending towards its dissolution can now or ever shall be able to prevail."

"As to the relations between Mexico and the United States and other friendly nations, never have they been more cordial as was indicated in a convincing manner during the celebration of the centennial of Mexico's independence."

The above was the authorized message of President Diaz to all nations on the eve of his inauguration for the eighth time as Chief Executive of the Mexican nation, before a meeting of the Historical Society of the North Mississippi Conference.

A feature of the inauguration program was the distribution among the poor of thousands of dollars worth of food and blankets, by the circle of friends of President Diaz.

Penniless, Pawned His Coffin.

Atlanta, Ga.—The high cost of living forced M. L. Breman to pawn his coffin. Some time ago Breman bought a coffin for his own use because he could "pick it up at a margin." However, he needed some money and not having anything else to "soak" he had the coffin carted to a pawn shop.

Died at 90 and Never Shaved.

Nashville, Ind.—Elbert Merida, who lived 90 years without ever having been shaved or having his hair cut, is dead at his home near here of typhoid fever. He was one of the oldest settlers of Brown county. In his little log house are a number of rattlesnake skins, to a weaving of which he attributed his long life.

Confederate Reunion May 16-18.

New Orleans.—George W. Gordon, general commanding the United Confederate Veterans, announces that the date of the next annual reunion of United Confederate Veterans, which will be held in Little Rock, Ark., have been fixed for May 16, 17 and 18, 1911. He announced also that the Confederate Southern Memorial Association would hold its meeting in Little Rock simultaneously. This is expected to be one of the greatest reunions.

End of Denominational Schools?

Fitzgerald, Ga.—That within ten years there would be little use for the denominational seminaries and colleges scattered through the States, as their places would be filled by the modern high schools, and that only the higher institutions of learning would be kept up by the Churches was the statement made here by Dean Walter Agnew of the Chattanooga University as he spoke before the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session here.

Educators to Meet in Wilmington.

The annual meeting of the southeastern division of the Association of County Superintendents will be held in Wilmington, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 8, 9 and 10. High school principals and superintendents will also be in attendance. There are five State divisions of the Association of County Superintendents and this district is composed of twenty counties, in which there are thirty-two high schools.

TAR HEEL PUBLIC TALK

Cream of Current County Events Clipped and Condensed in a Column.

SOUTHERN'S SPECIAL WORK.

Experts Will be Sent to Develop Western North Carolina.

The Southern Railway Company, through its land and industrial department, is taking steps to inaugurate a line of work recently outlined by President Finley, in which western North Carolina is especially interested.

Mr. M. A. Hays, who has had long experience in development work of all kinds as a representative of the Southern Railway land and industrial department in the New England, eastern, central, western and northwestern States, is to give special attention to the present western North Carolina.

In addition to the work which Mr. Hays will give his special attention to a trained horticultural and agriculture agent will be placed in western North Carolina, with headquarters at Asheville, for educational and intensive demonstration work among the farmers and fruit growers already there and those who may settle in the region. This agent will cooperate with the State Agricultural Department, the United States Department of Agriculture and all other agencies engaged in advancing the farming interests of the section.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Part of the Work of the 134th Annual Session.

During the past year the following named members of the conference have died: Rev. R. A. Willis, Rev. W. S. Davis, Rev. B. B. Holder and Rev. N. H. Guyton.

Two new preachers were added to the conference, these being Revs. John W. Frank from the Methodist Protestant Church and Rev. John J. Lewis from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Editor Massey of The Raleigh Christian Advocate made a report on the condition of the paper. The report shows a slight decrease in subscribers but is in good condition.

A sensation was sprung in the third days session when a letter was read from Rev. L. N. Booth of Chowan circuit, acknowledging that he had misappropriated missionary and conference funds amounting to about 200, that he had fled to New Jersey and could not return the money. Charges were immediately preferred and a trial ordered.

His congregation had recently presented him with a fine horse and buggy and a new suit of clothes to wear to conference. Chowan circuit had paid all financial claims.

Rev. W. H. Puckett has been a member of conference for 25 years. Cash and subscriptions amounting to \$200 was presented to him to finish a new house and lot at Cary presented by Dr. McCracken and others of Sanford.

Strange Cattle Disease.

Livestock owners in several sections of Iredell county are somewhat alarmed because of the ravage of a contagious deadly disease which seems to be something new in that section. Several farmers have recently lost cattle which were attacked by the new disease.

The state department was appealed to and an assistant state veterinarian has arrived to begin investigations of the disease.

North Carolinian's Good Job.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has appointed James J. Britt to be third assistant postmaster general. A. L. Laws, who resigned that office some time ago.

Mr.