

MORE OFFICERS NEEDED.

Secretary of the Navy Moody Points Out This Fact in His Annual Report.

SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE

He Asks That Legislation Be Enacted Looking to an Increase in the Present Force of Officers and Men—Important Lessons of the War with Spain.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Provision by which at least 1,000 additional officers will be secured for the navy in the next four years, the addition of 3,000 enlisted men at once, and the building of two new battleships and several minor ships are among the recommendations in the annual report of Secretary of the Navy William H. Moody. Among these recommendations is the one on which Secretary Moody lays by far the greatest stress, that for the increase in the number of officers. He says: "The most imperative need of the navy to-day is of additional officers. I cannot overstate this need. It invites the instant attention of congress. The administration of the department is embarrassed almost daily by the lack of officers below command rank. This condition has been approaching for some years, and was clearly apprehended and stated by my predecessor in office. It is acute to-day, and, when the ships already authorized are completed, it will be desperate unless there is early action."

Some Important Lessons. Of the general importance of improving the navy, Secretary Moody says:

"Among the most important lessons learned in the war with Spain was that a modern navy cannot be improvised during a war or upon the threshold of a war. The time best suited to the development and perfection of our navy is the time when there is neither war nor threat of war."

"The country approves, with hardly a dissenting voice, the policy of strengthening our power upon the sea. What would have been an adequate navy some years ago is totally inadequate for the performance of the duties growing out of our new possessions in the Pacific and Atlantic and the determination of congress to construct a canal across the isthmus. If, then, the policy of strengthening our power upon the sea to the point where it can respond to the national needs be not abandoned, there must be additional naval and coasting stations, more ships, fighting and auxiliary, and an increase of officers and men."

He recommends increase of ships. After most careful consideration, I believe it to be my duty to recommend a continuance without interruption of the increase of ships."

Of the other features of the secretary's report this criticism of the budget of some of the new vessels of the navy for the slow progress of their work is especially important. He does not rest content with the excuses that strikes, non-delivery of material and the scarcity of skilled labor are responsible, and says succinctly: "The department has no good contractors that they will be held to accountability for failure to push forward the work of construction with due diligence, if such failure shall occur, and particularly for any delays which may at any time be caused by preference being given to private over public work."

Wisconsin's Official Vote.

Milwaukee, Nov. 28.—The official vote for governor in the recent state election is as follows: La Follette (rep.), 193,420; Ross (dem.), 145,813; Drake (pro.), 1,667; Splend (soc. dem.), 1,000; Puck (ind.), 787. The total vote was 342,694. Gov. La Follette's plurality is 47,607.

Consul Resigns.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Charles V. Hendrika, United States consul at Cuba, Peru, has tendered his resignation, and it has been accepted. Mr. Hendrika is unwilling to expose his family to the great climatic change involved in taking them from Ohio to Peru.

Nebraska Bank Robbed.

Omaha City, Ia., Nov. 26.—The Bancroft bank, at Bancroft, Neb., was broken into by robbers Tuesday morning, the safe blown open with dynamite and \$3,000 to \$4,000 in cash secured. Considerable commotion was caused. Considerable commotion was caused. Considerable commotion was caused.

Adopts Gold Standard.

Bangkok, Siam, Nov. 28.—The gold standard scheme for Siam has been passed by the law and the mints have been ordered to the free coinage of silver.

Americans Take Control.

Guatemala, Nov. 29.—A financial panic has been averted by the passage of laws which have passed under the control of a Pittsburg company.

Ordered to Venezuela.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—Three additional officers, the Noble, Ariadne and Amara, have been ordered to leave Kiel and proceed to Venezuela.

A Substantial Memorial.

London, Prussia, Nov. 28.—Frau Krupp has given \$750,000 to establish a benevolent fund for the workmen here, in memory of her late husband.

Found Guilty.

Barley, Wis., Nov. 29.—Jake Marney was found guilty of murder in the second degree, having killed Emil Upard June 24.

DR. PARKER DEAD.

Great London Preacher and Pastor of the City Temple, Passed Away.

London, Nov. 29.—Dr. Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple, who had been seriously ill for some time past, died at five o'clock Friday afternoon.

Dr. Parker was born in 1830 at Banbury, a quaint old town. As a boy he showed a predilection for the pulpit, and when he was 15 years old he preached his first sermon among the miners of Northumberland. He was ordained in 1852, and when only 23 was made pastor of a Congregational chapel at Banbury.

Dr. Parker commenced his London ministry in 1860. He occupied the pulpit of the Foultry Chapel in Cheap-



DR. JOSEPH PARKER.

side. The church of which Dr. Parker died of late years was the head in the oldest Congregational church in London. It was formed in 1640 by Dr. Thomas Goodwin, who was at one time chaplain to Oliver Cromwell, president of Magdalen college, and member of the Westminster Assembly of Divines. This church is the City temple, and Dr. Parker's sermons made it even more celebrated than it ever was.

COINAGE STATISTICS.

Interesting Figures from the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Washington, Nov. 28.—George E. Roberts, director of the mint, in his annual report says: In number of pieces the coinage of the year has never been exceeded, aggregating 191,419,506, but in value it has fallen from \$136,340,781 in 1901 to \$94,526,678, this being due to the greater demand for the small denominations. Gold coinage dropped from \$99,065,715 to \$61,980,572, but the stock of gold bullion on hand increased from \$100,219,493 to \$124,083,712. The coinage of silver dollars amounted to \$79,402,800, subsidiary silver coins to \$10,713,509, and minor coins to \$2,429,738. The original gold deposits of the year amounted to \$132,580,839. Gold bars taken for export amounted to \$36,332,678, and for domestic consumption \$14,452,578. The gross expenditure on account of the mint service, including loss by wastage, was \$1,910,503. The earnings from all charges and incidental gains, exclusive of seigniorage, aggregated \$357,568. The seigniorage realized in the manufacture of 1 and 5-cent pieces amounted to \$1,919,370, and the total seigniorage accruing on the silver, nickel and bronze coins made in the year was \$1,913,856.

The director says the increased capacity of the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco and the prospective opening of the new mint at Denver will give the country a much greater coinage capacity than it has heretofore had, and that the pressure on the mints is about to relax instead of increase. The coinage of 1,500,000 silver dollars a month, now required by law, will come to an end soon by the exhaustion of the stock of bullion.

Fought It Out a Week.

Kansas City, Nov. 29.—At Armourdale, Kan., near here, Ernest Dams and Charles W. Tucker, packing-house employes, fought a pistol duel over Mabel Randall, a waitress. Dams was mortally wounded, but before he died he shot Tucker twice, fatally wounding him. Tucker is still alive. Tucker had met Dams and the girl on the street, and, without warning, fired two shots at him, the wounded man returning the fire as he lay on the ground.

Remained in Death.

Shullsburg, Wis., Nov. 26.—The body of J. W. Sheffer, of this city, was found in a field two miles from town, horribly burned Tuesday. The skin was entirely gone from the face and upper part of the body. When found the body was still burning, and the surroundings indicate that the victim had rolled over and over in trying to extinguish the flames. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Under the Hammer.

Lancaster, Ky., Nov. 26.—Two negro women and one negro man will be sold by the sheriff to the highest bidder for the courthouse on Friday. They were convicted of vagrancy in the circuit court.

Lived 107 Years.

San Bernardino, Cal., Nov. 25.—Marie Catalina, last of the famous Serrano Indian basket weavers, is dead. She was 107 years old at the time of her death, having been born 21 years after the first settlement of this valley by the Franciscans.

The Socialist Vote.

Girard, Kan., Nov. 24.—The Appeal of Reason having completed the canvass, places the socialist vote in the United States of the recent election at 400,000. The heaviest socialist vote was polled in Massachusetts, 26,425.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the Week Ending Nov. 29. Four men and one woman committed suicide in Chicago on Thanksgiving day.

The will of Herr Krupp bequeaths the big gun factory at Essen to his eldest daughter.

Duston Jarvis, a telegraph operator, shot Miss Jody Burns and committed suicide at Nichols, S. C.

Three islands of the South sea group have been annexed for Great Britain by the warship Sparrow.

Great Britain closed its ports to live stock shipped from New England and is in fear of a meat famine.

Solomon H. Betha has been reappointed United States district attorney for the northern district of Illinois.

Many Americans were winners at the annual distribution of medals in the foreign ecclesiastical colleges of Rome.

John L. Sullivan, the former pugilist, filed a petition in bankruptcy in New York to prevent his arrest for debt in Boston.

The Peoria & Pekin (Ill.) terminal railroad has granted the demands of its employes for a ten per cent. increase in wages.

Emperor William presented Ambassador White with the gold medal of science and art of the German empire at a farewell audience.

A detective exposed a plot whereby a gang at Dallas, Tex., planned to defraud a life insurance company out of thousands of dollars.

The Philippines constabulary under Inspector Crockett killed 39 ladrones in Leyte. Thirteen were killed by Corporal Montague's force.

President Castro will head off a naval demonstration against Venezuela by England and Germany by paying claims due their subjects.

Central Pacific stockholders have sued the C. P. Huntington estate for over \$100,000,000, charging fraud in manipulation of finances of western roads.

Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the noted Austrian surgeon, received the degree of doctor of laws from Northwestern university in the presence of a large audience.

The state department is handicapped in preparing claims of American citizens for losses in Samoa by the fact that it recently specifically denied liability for such claims.

Fire Chief Edward F. Croker, of New York, was found guilty by Commissioner Sturgis on four of six charges and ordered dismissed from the service December 1.

British merchants in India are alarmed at a threatened invasion of steel industries by American capital.

The Bengal Iron & Steel company will import a plant to forestall it.

The British-American Tobacco company, with \$30,000,000 capital, is said to be planning London headquarters for control of the world's export of tobacco.

The Nobel prize of \$50,000 was awarded to Max Bodenheimer, of New York, for research in the field of the quantum theory. Dr. Bodenheimer, of Berlin, and Dr. Arrhenius, of Stockholm, also received rewards.

Reports of 11 principal national banks of Chicago show an aggregate decrease of \$13,000,000 in deposits since September 15, a contraction of \$15,000,000 in loans and an increase of \$3,300,000 in cash resources.

An attempt to pass the German tariff bill without discussing details compelled an adjournment of the reichstag. Socialists dragged Herr Gathein (typical) downstairs, and prevented renewal of his speech when the session was resumed.

Western Nebraska land frauds, involving 3,952,844 acres, are under investigation by Col. John S. Mosby at President Roosevelt's instigation.

Outfit barons are accused of fencing public land and paying widows \$75 for securing it under homestead act.

The income of Irish families who rent bog land from Lord De Freyne estate averages \$40.75 yearly, derived from labor at 25 cents a day and the sale of eggs. The produce raised is worth only \$30, while the yearly expenses average \$57.25, including \$20 for groceries and \$2.50 for clothing.

THE MARKETS.

New York, Nov. 29.	
LIVE STOCK—Steers	\$10.00 @ 6.00
Hogs	9.75 @ 5.50
Sheep	3.25 @ 2.50
WHEAT—December	1.15 @ 1.10
WHEAT—January	1.10 @ 1.05
RYE—State	54 @ 51 1/2
CORN—December	69 @ 67 1/2
OATS—Track and Western	37 @ 35 1/2
BUTTER	20 1/2 @ 23
CHEESE	13 1/2 @ 18
EGGS	11 1/2 @ 12 1/2
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Prime Beefsteers	\$7.00 @ 7.40
Texas Steers	6.75 @ 7.25
Medium Best Steers	6.50 @ 7.00
Common to Fair	6.25 @ 6.75
Bulls	5.25 @ 6.15
HOGS—Heavy mixed	6.15 @ 6.25
Light mixed	6.00 @ 6.15
SHRIMP	3.50 @ 4.25
BUTTER—Creamery	27 1/2 @ 27 1/2
Dairy	27 @ 27
EGGS	19 @ 24
POPCOENS (best)	16 @ 16
MESS PORK—January	16 1/2 @ 16 1/2
LARD—January	4 1/2 @ 9 1/2
FLIX—Justly	11 1/2 @ 11 1/2
GRAIN—Wheat, December	1 1/4 @ 1 1/4
Wheat, January	1 1/4 @ 1 1/4
Oats, December	43 1/2 @ 56 1/2
Barley, December	43 1/2 @ 56 1/2
Barley, January	43 1/2 @ 56 1/2
Barley, No. 2	43 1/2 @ 56 1/2
KANSAS CITY.	
GRAIN—Wheat, December	1 1/4 @ 1 1/4
Wheat, January	1 1/4 @ 1 1/4
Oats, No. 2 White	33 @ 33 1/2
Rye, No. 2	44 1/2 @ 44 1/2
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beef Steers	\$4.50 @ 6.25
Texas Steers	4.25 @ 6.00
HOGS—Packer	19 @ 20
Butcher	19 @ 20
OMAHA.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	\$4.00 @ 6.50
Cows and Heifers	2.50 @ 4.00
Slaughter and Feeders	2.50 @ 4.00
HOGS—Heavy	1.50 @ 2.00
Light	1.50 @ 2.00
SHEEP—Wethers	3.20 @ 6.00

WONDERFUL WORK.

Case No. 18,977.—David M. Bye, P. O. Address Box 297, Midland, Mich., says: "Three months I was almost incapacitated from labor; could not sleep at night; had to walk the floor, owing to terrible pain in the hips, in the small of the back, in my instep and ankle of the right leg."

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A Kansas Editor Reminiscences.

It is said that when a hungry Indian goes hunting he kills the first thing he sees, if it is only a crow. If he kills a duck, he drops the crow and if he gets a deer, he throws away the duck. Some girls are regular Indians, aren't they?—Lane New Leaf.

"Some men bet on a horse race," said Uncle Eben, "an den talks about being on lucky instead o' foolish."—Washington Star.

Fame is a glorious thing, but a small regular income is much more satisfactory to the average man.—Chicago Daily News.

Unbecomingly forwardness often proceeds from ignorance than impudence.—Gurville.

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"A penny for your thoughts," he whispered, bending low to look into her sweet, soft eyes.

"No more?" she murmured, looking up at him, to let those blue eyes fall again. He caught her hand in his and let his full heart flow.

"All I have in the world," he said, sublimely.

"Too little," she responded, with firmness.

And then he knew that some of his hated rivals had told her he had but \$75,000 a year income and no rich relatives.

He Got It.

The man with the cinnamon colored beard was observed standing at the counter and looking at the bottles on the shelves with some perplexity of mind.

"What is it?" said the druggist.

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