

CURRENT COMMENT.

MOODY, the evangelist, is contemplating an extended tour of India.

MISS ZELIE DE LUSSAN the prima donna soprano, is at Richfield Springs.

QUEEN CRISTINA of Spain is about to make a tour of the Basque provinces for the purpose of exhibiting the infant King to the country people.

MME. POPP, the doyenne of Belgian journalists, has written up to the present no less than 18,000 articles, each containing from 3,000 to 4,000 words.

BLONDIN, the famous rope dancer, and the first to cross the Niagara river on a tight rope, returns to this country next summer, after an absence of over twenty years.

AFTER thirty years' residence in Italy Thomas Adolphus Trollope, the elder brother of the late Anthony Trollope, is about to return to England to reside permanently.

MME. JENNY LIND GOLDSCHMIDT lives in an attractive suburb of London, and, though she is sixty-six years old, she feels young and is intensely interested in every musical event.

ROBERT HOE, president of the Groller club, is the only American member of the Societe des Amis des Livres, of which the celebrated bibliophile, the Duc d'Aumale, is president.

THE Princess Pignatelli is acting as a waiter girl in a second-rate cafe in Vienna. This is the lady who, after quarreling with her relatives lately, sang at a London music hall for a livelihood.

MISS BATCHELLER, the charming daughter of Gen. Batcheller of Saratoga, is only 17 years old, but she speaks seven languages, and is as pleasing in personal appearance as she is talented in mind.

GEN. SHERIDAN said the other day to New York reporter that he considered the Indian a very uncertain quantity, but denied that he ever made use of the remark, so often attributed to him, that "the only good Indian is a dead Indian."

PRESIDENT FAIRCHILD of Oberlin College is in his 70th year, and desires to resign his position. The trustees urge him to remain, but in the event of his resignation will continue the payment to him during his life of his present salary.

JOHN M. WALL, the New York reporter who had his head broken while accompanying O'Brien on his Canadian tour, has been presented with a purse of \$1,200 and a handsome diamond ring by his friends among the home-rule sympathizers.

REV. EDMUND DARROW, of Watford Conn., was born in the seventh year of this century, on the seventh day of the month, on the seventh day of the week, and in the seventh hour of the day. He recognized the finger of fate, and became a Seventh-day Adventist.

ARTHUR ROBINSON, the brave colored sailor who saved nine lives from the wrecked Mystery in New York harbor, has received numerous medals and several hundred dollars from admirers of his heroism. The dime museum managers have been after him, one offering him \$350 for a week's engagement, but he has positively refused to exhibit himself.

REAR ADMIRAL FRANKLIN, who is to retire Aug. 24, entered the navy in 1841 and took part in the demonstration against Monterey during the Mexican War. He was on board the Roanoke when the Merrimack destroyed the Cumberland and Congress. He was executive officer of the Dacotah in the action against Sewall's Point. He acted as naval representative in the demand for the surrender of Mobile. He has always been a brave and efficient officer.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic News. The glass manufacturing establishments of McKee & Co., and King, Son & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., were damaged by fire on the 31st to the amount of \$180,000; insurance \$75,000. At 5 o'clock the same evening a heavy thunder storm, accompanied by wind with a velocity of 36 miles an hour, passed over the city flooding streets and doing great damage to trees, fences and small buildings. Telegraph wires were prostrated and trains on several roads delayed. The signal service records for July show that the past month has been the hottest in fifteen years, and that more rain has fallen than in any previous July for many years.

New England was struck with flooding rains on the 23rd and 24th, raising streams abnormally, carrying away bridges on railroads and carriage roads, wrecking mills and mill dams and causing loss of life and of live stock. The storm was very severe among the Berkshire Hills, Mass., along the Connecticut river the Merrimack and Cocteco rivers in New Hampshire. The rain covered portions of New York and serious washouts occurred on the Harlem R. R. great damage was done in the vicinity Elizabeth, New Jersey and the Delaware and Lehigh rivers overflowed their banks in an unprecedented manner.

Giles Smith, of Deerfield, N. Y., near Utica lost three cows last week by bloody murrain. He had them buried near a running stream which infects the water. Three cows belonging to William Budlong, Jr., a neighbor, died of the disease. Budlong and John Ryman while looking for the cause, were stung by mosquitoes, and are now seriously ill, having been inoculated with the murrain virus. There is considerable excitement and indignation about the matter. The stream runs through several large farms of imported cattle.

Joseph Rich, farmer, aged 30, drove on to a railroad crossing near Richmond, Ind., on the 29th, after he had heard the whistle of the engine, and was struck by the train going 30 miles an hour; Rich, his baby and mother-in-law were killed, but Mrs. Rich escaped alive. The horses were killed. The spectacle was horrible, as Rich was cut in twain and had his head caved in. His baby was ground to a pulp, and Mrs. Newcomb had one leg torn off and her arms, body and head mangled.

James McConlay, of Hastings, Nebraska, a day or two since the buried body of his only son Hugh, who, it was reported, had been killed in the St. Thomas, Ont., accident two weeks ago. The body was followed to the grave by the sorrowing relatives. Friday after the burial, the body was exhumed to see his son walk into the house alive and well, and then the discovery was made that the body shipped and mourned over and buried, was that of a young Canadian.

At a railroad crossing near Lakeside, Mich., a train struck a wagon containing Miss Hattie Shaver, Miss Hattie Reynolds, Lottie Shaver, Fred Hatch and Charles Wilbeck and killed the first two, Lottie Shaver, a little girl, cannot live. The ladies were carried 113 feet and thrown down an embankment. The men were not seriously hurt. The train gave the usual signal, but Wilbeck drove across the track when the train was in sight.

A telegram was received on the 25th at Gloucester, Mass., from United States Consul Carleton of Souris P. E. I., stating that the seines and boats were captured and the schooners, Col. J. H. France, and Argonaut was seized Monday off East Point P. E. I. by the dominion cutter Critic. The vessels were close in shore when the cutter appeared with the seines set in water. The vessels cleared out and escaped the cutter, but before the boats could escape they were seized.

The last business day of July was a critical one in Wall Street, and stocks touched lower prices than have been known since the break after the rise in June. Two failures occurred. Minneapolis & St. Louis dropped 8 1/2 per cent., Reading from 53 to 47, Vanderbilt's an average decline of 3 per cent. Just before the close of the day there was a slight recovery and the market was less unsettled.

Secretary Bayard has received a dispatch from Consul General Phelan at Halifax, saying that he is investigating the recent seizure of American vessels in Canadian waters, and that he has instructed the consul at Charlottetown to take measurements of the sea at the points where the seizures were made, so as to establish the exact distance from above.

At 6 p. m. on the 29th, a tornado struck David City, Nebraska, demolishing a number of buildings, including the Union Pacific and Burlington & Missouri depots, school house, foundry, two elevators, and brick hotel. One man was killed and quite a number injured. At a W. C. T. U. lawn party several ladies were picked up by the wind and carried short distances, but none much hurt.

About 3 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Ellen Lamb, a widow, living two miles from Toledo, Ohio, shot and killed Charles Bessinger, who is a well known farmer, and lives near Mrs. Lamb's residence. Bessinger attempted to force an entrance to her house through a window, when the lady opened fire upon him, shooting him through the heart. He walked to the middle of the street and dropped dead.

Insurance men in the east are discussing with anxiety the alarming increase of fire losses, which, throughout the country for the last two months have been at the rate of \$100,000,000 a year, four or five times the normal rate. One insurance agent said: "If this thing keeps up we are going to stop, that's all; we must have a let up or perish."

The Canadian, Ottawa, government has imposed quarantine regulations, which preclude absolutely the importation in those sections of the country of any cattle except for breeding purposes, and they only to be imported subject to the most stringent quarantine inspection. All horses and hogs will be subject to 21 days' quarantine.

Thursday afternoon, Katie Callahan, Delah M. Walsh, Mattie Heating, Maggie Tooney and Lucy Callahan, aged from twelve to fourteen years, went bathing in the Concord river at North Bellaria, Mass. The current carried them beyond their depth and the first four were drowned.

The July rains produced the most extensive freshet at Augusta, Ga., known in 22 years. The Savannah registered 33 feet 6 inches on the 30th, and the corn and cotton in the Savannah Valley were submerged and destroyed; the Georgia and other railroads suffered great damage.

Large numbers of strikers in the coke region have returned to work, but new complications are said to have arisen which may prevent a settlement of the trouble. It has been one of the most stubborn strikes ever seen in Pennsylvania, and the loss in wages alone is estimated at \$996,300.

Captain Job Johnson and his ten-year

old son were drowned at Pocomoke City Md., Sunday. Captain Johnson, with his boy in arms, attempted to jump from the drawbridge to his schooner in the Pocomoke river. He miscalculated the distance and they were plunged into the river.

Some faith is said to be put in New York in the statement that the Pennsylvania company will obtain control of the Baltimore & Ohio by a guarantee of 8 per cent on the stock, A. J. Cassatt being president instead of Garrett.

At New York City, Gertrude Beecroft aged 17, of 267 West-seventh street, was re- buked by her mother Friday night for staying out late. She took rat poison Saturday night, and died after much suffering.

At New Haven, Conn., on Sunday two young children of Prof. F. R. Honey, of Yale college, died under circumstances which make it probable that they were poisoned by ice cream.

The tickers have been taken out of the New York bucket shops, but they continue to do business in spite of it, obtaining quotations, it is said, from private brokers.

The district assembly Knights of Labor, at London, Ontario, has adopted a resolution urging the separation of the Canadian knights from the American body.

Charles H. Reed, the former Chicago lawyer who assisted in the defense of President Garfield's assassin, attempted suicide about six o'clock Saturday morning by jumping into the river off a Jersey City ferry boat. He was rescued and taken to the insane ward of the New York jail.

The pine tracts in parts of Northeastern Michigan have been greatly damaged by a cyclone. On one 40-acre tract not a tree was left standing.

The Columbian bank of Philadelphia assigned on the 30th, owing to carrying too heavy a load for stock operators.

The total loss at Great Barrington, Mass., by the recent flood is said to be fully \$500,000.

Crimes.

A crazed mother at Adamsville, Ohio, poisoned her three children using Paris green for the purpose.

McGarigle, the convicted hospital warden, who escaped from the Chicago sheriff is believed to have arrived safely in Canada.

At Ainsworth, Nebraska, Ole Anderson was convicted of murder in the first degree for poisoning his wife to death with a pill.

Nine county prisoners out of 20 who were working on the roads near Kansas City took advantage of a dark night and a heavy storm and escaped.

At Youngstown, Ohio, Monday, Eben Stanyard, convicted of the murder of Alice Hancock, his sweetheart in March last, was sentenced to be hanged in the penitentiary at Columbus.

William Morrison of Eureka Springs, Ark., was lynched by a crowd of his neighbors, who surrounded the jail where he was confined on a charge of maltreating his two young daughters.

A special from Granville, S. C., says Virginia Hudson, aged seven years, a negro child, was jailed there Monday for murder. She killed a child one year old in Butler township on Saturday and then threw the body in a well.

Mrs. Hattie Seymour, living in Harrison township, Vinton county, Ohio, was found Saturday night lying on the floor of her house with a bullet in her brain and a frightful knife-stab in her stomach. There is no clew to the murderer.

Four tough-looking men put off the Vandalia train near Long point a few miles west of Indianapolis, opened on it with revolvers and sent a score of bullets whizzing through the coaches. No one was hurt, but all were badly frightened.

George Wilson, a tramp, aged 16, claiming to be from Toledo, O., was arrested at Dunlap Friday for petty larceny. While confined in the city jail he attempted to burn himself loose, and was so badly burned that he died from the effects Saturday evening.

L. O. Wilson, a clerk in the postoffice at Kansas City, Mo., has been arrested for robbing the mails, and confessed. He punctured letters with a bodkin, and by a microscope ascertained their contents. If no money or postal notes were seen the punctured places were obliterated by a rubber.

In November last, while George T. Morris and his wife Annie were living in Chicago, George, his wife alleges, ran away with Sarah Shank, their servant, and \$6,000 of his mother-in-law's money. The fugitives went to Wichita, Kansas, when Mrs. Morris has appeared and applied for their arrest.

James Gorham and Mrs. Dewey, of Springfield, Mass., were arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, at the instance of Mrs. Gorham, who charges that the couple eloped from Springfield last Wednesday. Gorham was an engineer on the Boston & Albany road, and Mrs. Dewey is the wife of a Springfield carpenter.

Dan O'Brien, one of the foot-pads who have committed several bold robberies at St. Paul and Minneapolis was arrested at St. Paul Tuesday evening. His confederate Schaefer was already in custody. O'Brien is only 22 years of age, a native of St. Paul, a dashing criminal, though not an altogether adroit one.

At Bessemer, Mich., the Colby mine safe was robbed of \$4,000 Saturday. The burglars gained admission by the office window. Saturday was pay day, and over \$40,000 was distributed. There is generally about \$10,000 in the safe after pay day, as some of the men don't get their wages until Monday. There is no clew to the robbers.

Geo. C. Klehm, chairman of board of County Commissioners on trial under an omnibus indictment at Chicago, for conspiracy to defraud the county, at the close of the testimony for the prosecution, came forward and changed his plea of not guilty to guilty, throwing himself upon the clemency of the court. The act was sensational, and may save Klehm from the penitentiary.

Chaplain Newman, residing at Washington, went off to the Thousand Islands for his summer vacation, leaving his house untenanted. By mere accident a policeman noticed on Sunday that a rear door of the house was open, and on entering found all the costly robes, bric-a-brac, valuable relics of the holy land and other parts of the world, collected Dr. Newman during his consular trip around the world and used on exhibitions in his lectures—things that cannot be replaced—silverware, jewels, rare coins, all articles of value, boxed and blanketed ready for shipment in the lower hall, the

intention evidently being to move the things and ship them away from the city at the first opportunity. The thieves are supposed to be two white men and one negro seen by neighbors for a week past late at night. They had evidently been working undisturbed to effect the great robbery. Dr. Newman has promised this interesting collection to the Smithsonian Institute, when he dies.

At East Tawas, Mich., Mrs. Walter F. Travis playfully slapped her husband's face in the presence of a neighbor the other day and Walter resented it. He struck her in the face several times, kicked her, and knocked her to the ground. The woman's injury may prove fatal, and Travis is in jail charged with "crime less than murder." The injured woman was taken to a neighbor's house, and the brutal husband then killed her canary, tried to make the dog eat it, and falling nearly killed the dog for disobedience.

Fires and Casualties.

At Knob Lick, Mo., on the 23th, two freight trains collided, owing to mistake in orders and one of the engineers and a brakeman were killed.

By a collision on the 27th of a construction train and freight train on the Chicago & Alton, R. R., near Hopedale, Ill., 22 of the 100 men on the construction were killed and fatally injured.

Twenty-five buildings were burned in Chinatown, Los Angeles, Cal., on the 24th, with a loss of about \$173,000. The buildings consumed were occupied by about 1,000 Chinamen. The firemen did not exert themselves to save the property of the Celestial citizens. There was no insurance.

At Lowell, Mass., Monday afternoon in a tannery, workmen were engaged in grinding bark, in the process of which chemicals are used. A lantern fell and broke igniting the bark and a terrific explosion followed. Dan O'Hearn was probably fatally and Herbert T. Berland severely burned.

Armour's new beef house at Chicago, burned on the 27th, loss 300,000, insurance \$195,000. The building covered nearly an entire square. The basement contained about 25,000 hides. On the first floor were between 3,000 and 4,000 dressed cattle and over 1,000 undressed, while on the second floor were 500 dressed sheep and about 100 hogs.

The four occupants of a covered spring wagon were killed at Ridgewood station on the Pennsylvania R. R., two miles from Reading, Pa., being run over at the crossing by a train at 8 a. m. the 28th. The party was composed of Mrs. Elias Fritz, aged 23 and her children aged 3 and 18 months, and Miss Fritz, aged 36. A boy of 13 was driving, and may die from injuries received.

On the 28th, as a mixed train was passing over the Mount Savage bridge near Cumberland, Md., on the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the structure gave way, having been weakened by a flood. The engine and several cars were precipitated into the stream. Engineer William Driscoll and fireman William Payell were instantly killed, and another man badly injured.

Fire broke out in an old dairy stable in a portion of Cincinnati, Ohio, known as Soptown, where some six acres were covered with tenements, dwellings, shanties, dilapidated stables, etc., Friday afternoon and all Soptown was wiped out of existence; 25 buildings exclusive of stables and 50 cows were burned. Loss \$100,000; very light insurance. Five firemen were prostrated, two dangerously.

At Thomaston, Me., on the 25th, the Warren powder mill blew up at 8 a. m. They had started up the kernelling mill, in which were 31 kegs of powder, three minutes previous to the explosion. George Shepherd, aged 30, a workman, was killed, being literally torn to pieces. The same mill was blown up six months ago. The building was entirely demolished. Almost a ton and a half of powder was in the building at the time of the explosion. The loss is estimated at \$3,500.

At 2:40 Friday morning fire broke out in a bakery on Acker avenue, Chicago, the second, third and fourth floors of the building being occupied by families. Those on the second floor got out in safety, but twelve lives were lost among those upon the other floors, and some injured; one fireman lost his life in a heroic effort to save others. The fire was caused by a pot of grease boiling over on a hot stove in the bakery, where there were two men drowsy from drink who neglected to watch the stove. These men are under arrest.

An express train on the B. & O. R. R. was wrecked at York, Ind., causing the death of the engineer and fireman. No one else was hurt. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch. There is good reason for the suspicion that the accident was the result of a deliberate attempt to wreck the train. Thirty minutes before the passenger train passed York an excursion train passed safely over the switch, and after the accident it was found that the switch had been broken open with a heavy oaken club.

Political and Personal.

Senator Sherman has followed Senator Vest to Alaska, via the Canadian Pacific and Puget Sound.

The National Prohibition party has issued the following: The national committee of the Prohibition party are hereby called to meet in Chicago, Ill., on the 16th of November, 1887, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of fixing the time and place of the national convention in 1888, and transacting such other business as pertains to the national convention.

Dr. E. D. Standiford, died at Louisville, Ky., on the 30th, after a week's illness, brought on by the excessive heat aged 56. He was the wealthiest citizen of Louisville, and had been married to his third wife but three weeks. He was a railroad president, banker and large farmer. He had aspirations for the U. S. Senate and had been making a canvass to succeed Senator Beck.

Gen. J. W. Comly, one of the generation of Ohio men, distinguished during the war, died at Toledo July 26, of heart and lung malady. He was 55 years old and leaves two sons and a daughter. He enlisted in President Hayes' regiment, rose to be Colonel and Big Gen. by breast. He conducted the Ohio State Journal from 1873 to 1878, in which year he was appointed Minister to Honolulu, and remained there until 1883. He then bought the Toledo Commercial which he conducted until his death.

Brig. Gen. William McKee Dunn, United States army, retired, late judge advocate general, died at his country residence Maplewoods, Fairfax county, Va., July 24, in his seventy-second year. He was born on the 12th of December, 1815, in what was then Indiana territory. He was given a classical education became a lawyer and served several terms in Congress; he served on Gen. McClellan's staff and as assistant judge ad-

vocate general during the war; Dec. 1, 1875, he was appointed judge advocate general of the army with the rank of brigadier general. He held the office of judge advocate general till Jan. 22, 1881, when he was placed on the retired list, having passed the age of sixty-two.

The accident to Mrs. Gen. Logan turns out to be more serious than at first reported. Dr. Roberts, of Carbondale, Ill., where Mrs. Logan is said of her case on the 25th: Mrs. Logan's injuries are very serious. Today, says the first time since the injuries, she was turned upon her left side, with soft pads under her injured left arm. Her left shoulder was crushed by the wheel of the buggy running over it. The whole arm to the elbow is blackened with bruises and the forearm to the wrist is slightly injured. Her head was stepped upon on its top and left side, the horse's foot tearing the scalp loose in a concentric shape, making a wound 3 1/2 inches in length to the skull. The skull is uninjured. She has suffered excruciating pain at the shoulder and along the course of the arm. We rejoice to say that she is improving in every respect.

A Kansas City delegation, over 100, including ladies called on President Cleveland with an invitation to visit that city. The invitation was accepted, the President saying the time of his visit would be between the 1st and 15th of October. The Kansas City invitation is a large volume, handsomely bound in seal skin and bearing on a white satin panel inserted in the cover the words: "Kansas City, to President Cleveland and Mrs. Cleveland—Greeting, 1887." The leaves of the book contain allegorical figures illustrative of the resources of Kansas City, and the states of Kansas and Missouri, Texas, Colorado and the Indian Territory. Then follow the 21,000 signatures. The President was introduced to the ladies accompanying the party, who told him frankly that they were not half as desirous of seeing him in Kansas City as they were Mrs. Cleveland.

President John Taylor of the Mormon church, who has lived in hiding from the United States authorities since July 1, 1885, died at Salt Lake City, July 26, aged 79 years. He was born in Westmorland county, England, and came to Canada when 24 years of age. He there married Lenora Cannon, an aunt of Geo. Q. Cannon, late a delegate to Congress from Utah. He early joined the church of the Latter Day Saints, under the teaching of Parley P. Pratt, who visited Toronto and at once removed to Kirtland, Ohio, then, (1838) the headquarters of the church. When Joe Smith and the Mormons were driven from Ohio, and later from Nauvoo, Ill., he shared in all the misfortunes of the sect and pushed on with the rest to Salt Lake. He was early confirmed as one of the Twelve Apostles and stood next to Brigham Young succeeding him as the head of the church on his death in 1877. He was a zealot in advocating polygamous Mormonism; after his indictment under the Edmunds law he disappeared from public view. He had literary attainments and fluency of speech, and went on several preaching missions to foreign lands, chief among them being one of the earliest to Great Britain; those to France and Germany, from 1849 to 1852, when he arranged for and superintended the translation of the Book of Mormon into the French and German languages, and in later years in the Eastern States, when he published the Mormon newspaper in New York. For several years he was speaker of the territorial house of representatives, was twice elected territorial superintendent of schools, and also acted as probate judge in Utah county.

Ohio Republicans.

The Republican State convention for Ohio, met at Toledo July 27, and was called to order at 4 p. m., Hon. Daniel Ryan of Portsmouth being made temporary chairman and A. J. Donaldson temporary secretary. The usual committees were appointed on the call of the congressional districts. Gen. Grosvenor of Athens, got the floor to propose a resolution. Gen. Keifer moved that all resolutions be sent to the committee on resolutions, without debate, and the motion prevailed. Gen. Grosvenor's resolution was read, as follows: Recognizing, as the Republicans of Ohio always have, the gifted and tried statesmen of the Republican party of other states, loyal and unflinching in their devotion to the success of the organization in 1858, under whatever standard bearer the Republican national convention may select, they have just pride in the record and career of John Sherman as a member of the Republican party, and as a statesman of ability, large experience and great ability. His career as a statesman together with the birth of the Republican party; he has grown and developed with the growth of that organization; his genius and patriotism are stamped upon the records of the party and the statutes and constitution of the country; and believing that his nomination for the office of president would be wise and judicious, we respectfully present his name to the people of the United States as a candidate, and announce our hearty and cordial support of him for that office.

Amor Smith of Cincinnati presented a series of resolutions signed by 40 members of the 12th ward Republican club of the city, endorsing Sherman for President. Col. J. G. Munson of Mansville, representing the Blaine men, offered the following resolution: "That we hereby pledge the united and enthusiastic support of the Republicans of Ohio to the nominee of the next national Republican convention, and, in this connection, we call the attention of the Republicans of Ohio to the eminent services and splendid career of the Hon. John Sherman."

The convention then adjourned until 10 a. m. Thursday. It was said that as the committee on resolutions was composed of sixteen Sherman men and five Blaine, that a Sherman resolution would be recommended to the convention. The Sherman question overshadowed all other topics the convention was called to pass upon.

SECOND DAY.

The convention was called to order at 1 p. m., and received the reports of the committees, all of which were formally adopted without any discussion, by a viva voce vote, including the report of the committee on resolutions.

PLATFORM.

The platform pronounces for a protective tariff and denounces the Democratic platform of a tariff for revenue only; deprecates unrestricted emigration and calls upon Congress to establish regulations to prevent the advent of improper classes; demands a fair ballot and a fair count in all sections of the country, in the interest of the free institutions of the Republic; Congress should exercise its constitutional authority and take control and supervision of elections to Congress; demands a duty on wool to secure the American market to American producers, and condemns the Secretary of the Treasury for advising placing raw wool on the free list; protests against customs duties in the interest of the foreign producer and foreign labor as in opposition to the letter and spirit of the tariff laws; favors liberal pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the Union, adequate river and harbor appropriations and national aid to education; demands as the first step to re-