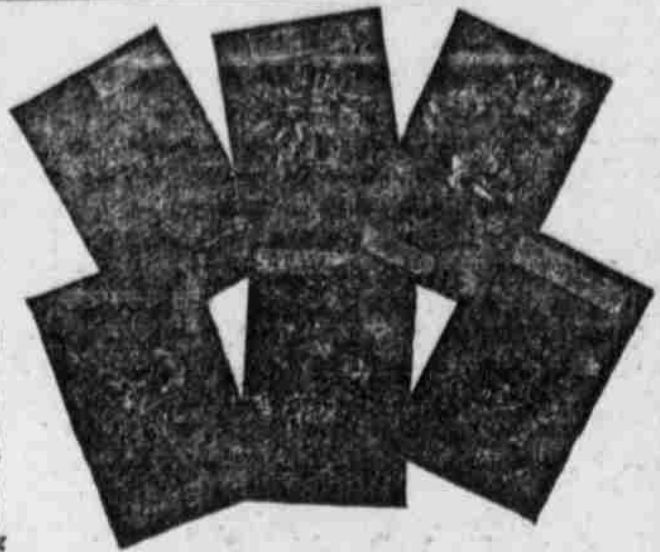


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Washington News

President Taft has approved without comment Attorney General Wickersham's opinion to the effect that there is no provision of law by which the statue of General Robert E. Lee in confederate uniform can be removed from Statuary hall in the capital at Washington.

A Washington dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: "Postal savings banks will be established October 1 by the board of trustees, provided they accept the recommendations of the special department committee of experts appointed in an advisory capacity. The experts have decided that a number of second and third class postoffices throughout the country should be selected for the introduction of postal savings banks, and that the banks should be opened on the date named. The board of trustees will hold another meeting early in August, after the return of Postmaster General Hitchcock from abroad, when the recommendations of the committee will be indorsed. It will be strongly urged that the banks be not established at this time in offices of the first class. The committee deems it desirable that so far as possible each of the forty-seven states be given an experimental bank. To date over 300 postmasters have requested that they be permitted to open postal savings banks, and 644 banks have asked that they be designated as depositories for postal funds."

enumeration districts, is 1,651,951, as compared with 1,414,177 according to the special census of 1907, showing an increase since 1907 of 15.8 per cent. The population of the state was made public because of the fact that there is to be held in the state next month an election in which the question of negro suffrage is paramount. The figures show the total negro population of the state to be 138,456, as compared with 112,160 in 1907. In 1907 the negro population constituted 7.9 per cent of the total and the percentage for 1910 is 8.4 per cent. The three districts lacking in the total figures, the census director announced, would affect the total population by less than five thousand. Oklahoma will be entitled certainly to one more congressman and probably two more representatives in congress, the exact number depending entirely upon the basis of apportionment.

Rear Admiral James Albert Hawks retired, of Bristol, Penn., formerly director of the navy, died in Washington, aged 69 years.

The question, "what is whiskey?" is up again. An Associated Press dispatch says: "Under an order just received by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabell, for enforcement of pending litigation, collectors are instructed not to brand as whisky any distillate from molasses. Instead, distillates from molasses produced at 160 degrees of proof and over withdrawn from distillery premises at proof lower than 110 degrees, may be marked as dilute neutral spirits, dilute spirits, dilute cologne spirits, dilute alcohol or other true description, and if withdrawn at 100 degrees proof as proof spirits. Molasses distillate may be used for mixing grain distillate and if the latter sufficiently dominates, the mixture may be branded as 'whisky, a blend.' If it does not dominate, the mixture may be branded 'whisky, a compound,' or as imitation whisky, as rectified spirits or dilutes of spirits, etc. The circular suspends parts of the old orders, particularly as to duties of government officers on the premises of rectifiers."

A cablegram from Manila tells this story: "The supreme court has decided that Governor General Forbes has the power to deport obnoxious aliens from the archipelago and has granted a writ of prohibition against the lower court which assumed jurisdiction in the cases of a dozen Chinese who were deported last August and returned here in March and began suits against Governor General Forbes and others connected with their deportation. It is possible now that the case will go to Washington."

The census directory has announced that the total population of the state of Oklahoma, lacking three

World Missionary Conference

The Scotsman, Edinburgh, Scotland

The world missionary conference provides a field for the study of national characteristics. The seven minutes' rule reveals men. The Britisher begins by apologizing that he can not say much in seven minutes, and he so enlarges upon it that the seven minutes are over before he says anything. But the American, with his characteristic directness and vividness, begins at once with "In the first place I want to say this"—and he plunges at once into the midst. And in seven minutes he gets at the heart of things. But this is only a general rule— which the exceptions prove!

Today Bishop Gore submitted the report on education in relation to the Christianization of the national life, and he did so in a manner which commended itself to a crowded assembly. This noted controversialist cooed as gently as any sucking dove. As the bishop enlarged on the fruits of progress in the mission fields, he claimed all of them as the fruit of the "incomparable value of Christian education." It was a great sight to see Bishop Gore

shocked! He raised indignant hands to heaven as he denounced the folly of teaching the native evangelists and teachers of India the thirty-nine Articles and the Westminster Confession of Faith—documents which breathe the atmosphere of bitter controversies and not of Christian love. When the bishop ended, Mr. Mott, with characteristic directness, recommended the speakers to face the clock. By so doing they would be heard, and there would be manifest other advantages. "Every man who can possibly make his points in less than seven minutes will win distinction today." If you don't strike off in twenty minutes, you better cease boring, was the advice of old Mr. Mott has reduced the twenty minutes to seven. Sir Andrew Fraser told the conference of the only way in which the cry of India for education could be met. It could be met by the churches only and the policy of grants-in-aid provided by the government. Only by this state endowment of Christianity could Christianity meet the demand. The conference cheered enthusiastically the closing (Continued on Page 15)

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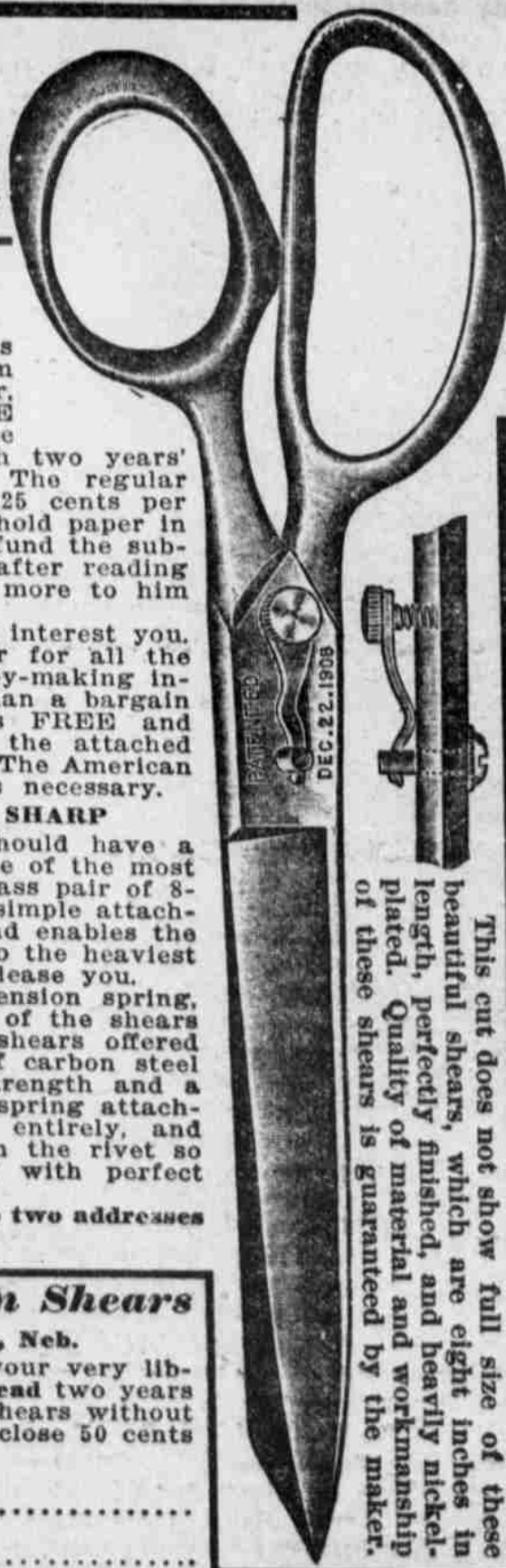
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