

the current year. Salary provisions for 14,877 officials and employes show a reduction of 406 names on the pay roll. July 1 is fixed for the end of the commerce court, whose jurisdiction would be reinvested in the other United States courts.

The democrats cut \$92,280 from the salaries paid to employes in the house wing of the capitol.

The bill also restricts the number of United States circuit judges to twenty-nine, and provides that no more appointments of that class shall be made until the number of judges is reduced below that number.

The various departments submitted estimates from \$2,150,000 more than Chairman Fitzgerald's committee provided.

The republican members of the

appropriations committee filed a minority report urging the retention of the commerce court and the bureaus of statistics and manufacturers and the salary of the secretary to the president.

Thomas C. Dawson, diplomatic officer of the state department, died, aged forty-six years. He was born at Hudson, Wis.

An Associated Press dispatch says: The minority members of the senate committee which investigated the election of Senator Lorimer are planning to begin the fight against him on the floor of the senate soon. Senator Kern of Indiana who is drawing the minority report which will declare against the Illinois senator's right to his seat, will call up

the case and seek to force an immediate submission of the majority report. Senator Kern's plan to avoid delay in getting the case on its merits before the senate has the support of the others of the minority.

"MAY DAY" RIOT IN VARIOUS SECTIONS

The following are Associated Press dispatches:

New York, May 1.—The stars and stripes were torn down and trampled under foot and a red flag substituted during a fierce fight at a May day meeting of the socialist party and affiliated organizations in Union Square park late today.

That a serious panic did not ensue is believed to have been due to the fact that thousands of persons in the outskirts of the crowd did not know what the trouble was. Responsibility for the tearing down of the flag is disclaimed by the socialists, who assert that members of the industrial workers of the world committed the act. The socialist representatives on the platform appear to have done their utmost to protect the national colors.

The trouble started at the conclusion of a parade of 8,000 men and women who gathered in the park for speech-making. Red banners, the emblems of socialism, already adorned the speakers' platform, and the band was playing the Marsellaise when the stars and stripes were carried to the stand as the first speaker was about to be introduced. Instantly there was the wildest excitement.

"Take that dirty rag down" went up a cry from the crowd. But those on the platform held their ground and some with cooler heads tried to quiet the tumult that had broken out.

"We don't recognize that flag," cried a man in front as he tried to reach the platform. That cry was taken up by others, a number of whom fought their way to the platform. Some of those on the platform tried to protect the flag, and a fist fight resulted, in which a lone policeman was the only officer who figured. His club knocked three men down. Several men were tossed bodily over the platform rail into the crowd. Bloody faces were numerous.

The big American flag was finally torn down and hurled to the ground. Miss Caroline Dexter, a member of the socialist party, a tall, muscular woman, elbowed her way to where the fallen banner lay.

"Men like you should be shot," she cried as she gathered up the flag. She met no resistance and carried the flag home with her. With nothing but red banners to decorate the platform, the meeting proceeded, but the program as arranged by the socialist party had to be given up and speakers were mostly from the ranks of the industrial workers of the world.

Seattle, May 1.—In a socialist May day parade here today a man reached out of the crowd of spectators, tore a red flag from its staff and rushed into a saloon and escaped. Another man threw an American flag he was carrying into the streets and jumped on it. He was knocked down by bystanders, who seized his flag and flaunted it from the curb as the paraders passed. The stolen flag was of silk and valued at \$50.

The announcement that the revolutionary socialists and industrial workers of the world would march with the red flag drew a great throng of people to Pioneer place, where the parade assembled. At the head of the line was an amateur band. Then came a number of women and then two men, one carrying the red flag and the second the American flag. The mayor had refused permission

to parade without stars and stripes. There were 900 men and women in the line. No arrests were made.

Duluth, Minn., May 1.—Behind red flags and headed by a band, 2,000 socialists paraded the business streets of Duluth tonight and held a meeting at which fiery addresses were made demanding social and industrial reforms. The parade was the largest of its kind ever held in Duluth. American flags were carried ahead of the red ensign.

GENERAL OTIS' PEACE PLAN

General Harrison Gray Otis of Los Angeles has suggested what he calls a "dymatic plan" to guarantee and maintain universal peace. His plan is described by the Associated Press in this way:

Five of the principal powers of the world (or not more than seven in all) could, in the judgment of the author of this plan of action, justifiably and successfully unite in the formation of an international alliance, to be called the universal peace pact, with the openly declared object of guaranteeing and maintaining the peace of the world, such alliance to have this general scope and be governed by these fundamental principles, viz.:

"Seeking peace with honor throughout the world, and animated by the supreme motive of ending, or greatly minimizing, wars and their mighty evils, we, the powers named in this instrument, acting through our duly chosen and authorized agents, do hereby join ourselves together in an international alliance, the purposes of which are declared herein, and when not declared, they may be implied, but upon the essential condition that the purposes implied shall be consistent with the purposes declared. And to carry into effect these objects and purposes, we pledge to each other, and to the world, our united efforts, civil, diplomatic and military. It is due to the world, and to the nations constituting this alliance, that we should, in the outset, openly declare that our mature and deliberate purpose is to achieve, secure and maintain peace throughout the world by the exercise of combined world force, the same to be employed in pursuance of international laws to be enacted by us, such international military force to be invoked when the necessity therefor arises, and not otherwise." (The respective nations first entering the pact will be enumerated in the draft of the original agreement.)

General Otis says of his own plan: "The plan would, of course, require revision, amplification and perfection through the concurrence of great international minds acting conjointly for the common purpose.

"It will be seen, first of all, that the plan does not contemplate disarmament. The fact—the stubborn fact—recognized in the plan is that complete disarmament throughout the world is impossible in the present state of civilization; hence the provision for using the joint armaments of the five great powers who may first agree to enter the pact, and of other powers who may subsequently join it, for the purpose of absolutely guaranteeing, at a minimum cost, the cessation of wars through the world, or of vastly lessening their insupportable burdens, reducing their frequency, destructiveness and gigantic evils; thus effecting a tremendous saving of life, property, civic retrogression, disputes, conflict, want, distress and agony—always the unflinching results and sure concomitants of war."

The first premium awarded in a corn contest in Minnesota went to a man who raised 106.8 bushels per acre.

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