

REDFIELD TALKS ECONOMY

Secretary of Commerce Says He Gets Results for Money Spent.

TOTALS ARE UNIMPORTANT

It is Necessary to Keep Plant in Good Condition to Secure Highest Returns—Home and Foreign Trade.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Economy in the public service is the keynote of the annual report of Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce. In summarizing the work of the many bureaus of his department he undertakes to suggest a wise use of government funds.

Promoting Foreign Trade.

"The United States is one of the three foremost commercial nations. It is essential to its prosperity that it should be inferior to no other country in its governmental system for the fostering and protection of its trade, both domestic and foreign.

"The special fund for promoting commerce in Central and South America, of which 50 per cent. is allotted to field investigation and the remainder in Washington, should be continued and supplemented, as a permanent occupation of Latin-American markets is the only wise policy for our government to support."

Cost of Production.

"The important work which congress assigned in collecting costs of production of articles subject to import duty has been actively carried on in two branches of industry. A survey of the earthenware pottery industry in the United States and Europe has just been completed and most practical and valuable results have been obtained.

"Several investigations commenced by the bureau of corporations in prior years remained uncompleted at the beginning of the fiscal year covered by this report, namely, lumber, tobacco, agricultural implements, state corporation taxation, fertilizer and petroleum.

"Substantial progress was made in all of these investigations and except for state taxation of corporations and the last two investigations just mentioned, they were nearly completed during the fiscal year under consideration.

"Apart from a general investigation of certain legal and economic problems relating to proposed legislation on trusts, etc., certain new investigations into the economic character and effects of the system of resale price maintenance, i. e., the practice of manufacturers and distributors of fixing the price at which retailers or other dealers in their products shall sell to consumers or other purchasers.

Efficiency of Trusts.

"The bureau also has in contemplation a comprehensive study of the fundamental problems of the efficiency of trusts; that is to say, of the determination of the question whether from the standpoint of business profits and also from other standpoints of social welfare, the trust form of organization was really, as is often alleged, socially and economically efficient.

At great length the report recounts the work of the many bureaus of the department embracing the census standards of weights and measures, lighthouses, fisheries and steamboat inspection service.

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PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS GIVING

The season of CHRISTMAS GIVING finds many people eager to help spread good cheer, but not knowing JUST HOW TO DO IT. It is all right to be "a good fellow" or "a big brother" and gladden the hearts of some little ones, or furnish a Christmas dinner of goodies in place of the meager every-day fare.

The Bee calls attention to other forms of PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS CHARITY alike praiseworthy and WITH MORE PERMANENT RESULTS. To aid some unfortunate get on his feet—especially helpless women and dependent children—offers special opportunity for UNSELFISH GIVING.

The Bee describes below three cases thoroughly investigated by the Associated Charities and pronounced deserving IN EVERY WAY, and will describe other similar cases from day to day. Note that each is referred to by a letter of the alphabet, so as not to humiliate them as public objects of charity.

A. Widow, old and crippled and crippled grandson, whom she is trying to educate so that he can be self-supporting later. The boy's mother, an invalid, sends money for the rent and his clothes. County helps with groceries and coal. Need a new mattress and a little extra money every week to get nourishing food.

B. Widow and five children—boy 12, girl 3, boy 1, and baby week old. Father died last April; mother's pension of \$20 a month total income; mother supplemented this with laundry work as long as she was able. Need shoes and clothing for the children and a little extra money for food and fuel.

C. Woman, deserted, and three children. Came here from the west about a year ago on account of illness of children, which doctors said was caused mainly from lack of nourishing food; mother janitor, earns \$38 month; rent \$10 month. Associated Charities sending two quarts of milk daily for several months, as children are undernourished. Need bedding, a good cook stove and clothing and shoes for the children. Girl 13, girl 9, girl 4.

Those disposed to contribute to any of these worthy objects may remit directly to Mrs. George W. Doane, secretary of the Associated Charities, or to The Bee.

NATIONAL RED CROSS MEETS

Tenth Annual Convention at Washington, with Wilson Presiding.

WAR IS MAKING MANY DEMANDS

Counselor Lansing Presents Report Showing Increasing Numbers of Wounded Are in Need of Help.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The American Red Cross society today opened its tenth annual convention here with President Wilson, its active head designated as the presiding officer of the afternoon session. Reviews of the relief work accomplished by the society during the last year and proposed for the future, with special reference to the European war, stirred the delegates to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

At the morning session Counselor Lansing of the State department presented the report of the international relief board, of which he is chairman. After touching upon the general work of prevention of famine in China, Japan, Mexico and the Balkans, including references to world-wide catastrophes, which the Red Cross had without exception extended aid, Mr. Lansing said: "Never since the creation of this board have calls for active service been so many and so far reaching. For the first time, and we hope the last time, the misfortunes of war rather than those of disasters have occupied most of its activities."

The report showed that more than 180 surgeons and nurses have so far been sent to Europe and said more were urgently needed.

Need Supplies Badly.

"So great are the numbers of wounded," it said, "that there are constantly being received reports of the need of vast quantities of surgical and hospital supplies. To these needs the Red Cross is responding as promptly as possible. It is a satisfaction amid so much misery and distress to know that through the medium of the Red Cross and with the spirit of neutrality and humanity we are enabled to aid in the relief of the untold sufferings caused by this world-wide tragedy."

The constantly increasing requests for nurses on the part of American communities was considered by the convention in a report presented by Miss Fannie P. Clements, superintendent of the town and county nursing service. Brigadier General William Gorgas, surgeon general of the army, delivered a report from the war relief board. It reviewed elaborately the organization of the Red Cross field, hospital and relief work.

Miss Nabel Boardman, chairman of the national relief board, emphasized the need of extended charitable and philanthropic movements in organization work. Humanity was appealing for aid from so many directions, she said, that the scope of society, broad as it might be, should be enlarged. "The Red Cross and the European War" was the subject of Miss Boardman's address.

F. A. NASH CRITICALLY ILL AT HOME IN OMAHA

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MANY AT WATERWAY MEET

Three Days' Session of Rivers and Harbors Interests Starts.

MANY PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Big Men from Over Entire Country at Meeting—Senator Ransdell Scores Those Who See Pork in Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The National Rivers and Harbors congress began its annual convention here today with a large attendance of delegates from throughout the country. Many prominent speakers are on the program for addresses during the three days' sessions.

The convention was opened with an address by Secretary Bryan. A feature was the annual address of Senator Ransdell of Louisiana, president of the Rivers and Harbors congress, in which he vigorously denounced recent attacks on the river and harbor bill passed at the last session of congress and the filibuster, which resulted in the practical defeat of it.

"Attacks on rivers and harbors legislation," declared Senator Ransdell, "are unfounded, practically without merit, and many of them devoid of even a vestige of truth."

Critics Are Criticized.

Critics of the legislation, he added, had been unable to suggest a better system than the one they criticize. "To assert that river and harbor bills are full of 'pork,' graft and corrupt items," he declared, "is to charge that the engineer corps of the army, members of the rivers and harbors committee of the house and commerce committee of the senate, and a majority of the senators and representatives who advocated and voted for these measures, are guilty of fraud, corruption, graft and plain stealing. Such an accusation is false."

Senator Ransdell denied charges that the Rivers and Harbor congress was a lobby. Its activities, he said, had been confined to an education campaign.

Senator Ransdell concluded with an appeal to the convention to insist "that under no circumstances should any water course be improved unless it has real, genuine merit back of it."

Shenandoah Will Have New Church.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Announcement has been made by A. W. Murphy, a member of the committee that is raising subscriptions, that a \$25,000 church building will be erected in Shenandoah in the spring by the Presbyterians. The location will be the site of the present building, which was erected in 1884 at a cost of \$8,300 and was then one of the finest structures here.

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See Want Ads Produce Results.

Wedding at Yorktown Today. SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Miss Hattie Goecker and Robert Sunderman are to be married at the Lutheran church at Yorktown, Ia., at 1 o'clock tomorrow.

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These dolls will be given free to the little girls, under 12 years of age, that bring or mail us the largest number of doll's pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m., Saturday, December 12.
Edith's picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too. See how many pictures of Edith you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m., Saturday, December 12.
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