

WAS GREAT YEAR FOR AGRICULTURE.

Wealth Production for Year 1907 Exceeds the Banner Year of 1906.

WORK OF DEPARTMENT

Annual Report of Sec. Wilson Shows Many Improvements—Forest Products More Valuable Than Ever—Goods Results from the Inspection of Meat.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The annual report of James Wilson, secretary of the department of agriculture, was made public today. In opening his report...

SUMMARY OF CROPS

In the production of crops the year 1907 has been a good one to all of the people as well as to the farmers. It has averaged with the previous five years...

No such high aggregate of crop values has ever before been reached by farmers as for the year of 1907. In estimating these, little if any use is made of the high prices before the break in the latter part of October...

lost occurs as lung disease justifies the conclusion that the lung is not always infected directly through the air. The work of the year also demonstrated that the common mode for the discharge of tubercle bacilli from the bodies of tuberculous cows is with their feces...

The examination of sediment taken from the cream separators of public creameries throughout the country has demonstrated the presence of tubercle bacilli in about one-fourth of the samples. These creameries must be regarded as an important source of tubercular infection for the home and calves that are fed upon the separated milk...

The length of time that tubercle bacilli will live and retain their virulence in butter under usual market conditions is also being made a subject of investigation...

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The economic features of the creamery business have received special attention during the past year. Reports were solicited from creameries with a view to giving them assistance in their methods of conducting the business...

The market inspection of butter at Chicago and New York has been continued with a view to assisting creameries to improve the quality of their product. Large quantities of butter deficient in quality are found in these markets...

The grand total for 1907 is \$7,412,000,000. This is \$37,500,000 above the value of 1906, \$1,100,000,000 above that of 1905, \$1,233,000,000 above that of 1904, \$1,455,000,000 above that of 1903, and \$2,925,000,000 above the amount for 1902.

A simple series of index numbers shows the progress of movement of wealth production by the farmer. The value of the products in 1906 being taken at 100, the value for 1907 stands at 125, for 1904 at 121, for 1905 at 134, for 1906 at 143, and for 1907 at 157.

During the last nine years wealth estimated on farms has been explained as created on farms to the fabulous amount of \$12,000,000,000.

Never before in 1907 were the year's exports of forest products so valuable as in this year. With an increase of 310,000,000 over last year, the total of these exports ran up to \$5,000,000,000, of which \$2,200,000,000 was the value of lumber, \$2,000,000,000 of naval stores, and \$800,000,000 of other forest products...

The federal meat inspection has been greatly extended and improved under the new law of June 30, 1906, and is now on a higher plane than ever before. Public confidence, which was unsettled by the agitation of the previous year, has been restored...

Witty Lord Longford. One of the wittiest of our peers is Lord Longford, and he has also earned the reputation of being one of the worst dressed in spite of the fact that for twenty years he has been in the Second Life Guards.

The story goes that a friend once met him in Ireland garbed in a pair of pantaloons which were not on speaking terms with his boots and chaffed him mercilessly about the "lucid interval" that occurred between them. But "Tommy," as Lord Longford is known to his intimates, in a wise discontent, blandly explained that it was really a matter of high politics.

"You see, my dear fellow, in breeches were made by a tailor who is a rampant Orangeman, while the boots are the achievement of a Fenian cooper, so how can you expect 'em to meet?"—London Tit-Bits.

Restful Note. In the midst of exposures, accidents and the general crookedness of human nature it is a relief to turn to such items of contemporary history as the mention of the famous Ida Lewis, who has kept a lighthouse fifty years, and saved nearly a score of lives, in the straggled for selfish gain, of which the daily life of the world seems mainly made up...

TUBERCULOSIS INVESTIGATION. Tuberculosis has continued to be the subject of special investigation by the bureau of animal industry. Further work has confirmed the view that the location of tubercle bacilli in the body is quite independent of the point at which the infectious material enters, and that the frequency with which tubercu-

ASKS FOR MORE BATTLESHIPS

The Secretary of the Navy Asks for Expenditures of \$69,270,000 for More Vessels.

ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT.

Much Pleased with Marked Improvement in the Enlisted Personnel—Large Number of Ships Now Under Construction—New Ships for Past Year.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The annual report of V. H. Metcalf, secretary of the navy, was made public today. It shows that during the past year contracts have been let for new battleships to the Fore River Shipbuilding company, the Delaware, at \$1,377,000; and to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, the North Dakota, at \$1,947,000. The Delaware will be provided with Curtis turbine engines while her sister ship, the North Dakota, will be fitted with engines of the reciprocating type.

New ships added to the navy during the past year are: Battleships—Georgia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia, Connecticut, Louisiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Vermont. Armored cruisers—Tennessee, Washington, St. Louis, Milwaukee. SHIPS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED.

The following battleships and armored cruisers have completed their preliminary contract trials, but have not been assigned to the fleet: Battleships—Nebraska and Mississippi. Armored cruisers—California, South Dakota.

The following submarines have also completed their trials, but have not yet been assigned to active service: Cuttlefish, Octopus, Tarantula, Viper. Of the submarines the Nebraska and California are in commission, and the South Dakota and Mississippi should be ready in the very near future, so that there will soon be added to the list of ships definitely assigned to the fleet two powerful battleships and two effective armored cruisers, with a total displacement of 55,308 tons.

SHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. There are at present under construction the following vessels: Battleships—Idaho, New Hampshire, Michigan, South Carolina, Delaware, North Dakota. Armored cruisers—North Carolina, Montana. Scout cruisers—Chester, Birmingham, Salem.

Torpedo boat destroyers—No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40, No. 41. Fleet colliders—Vestal, Prometheus. Of the vessels under construction, 1 battleship, 2 armored cruisers, and 2 scout cruisers ought to be in commission for sea service within the next six months.

THE ENLISTED PERSONNEL. The department invites attention to the continued marked improvement of the enlisted personnel, both as regards the general intelligence of the individual and his attention to duty. The earnest work of the recruiting service has contributed largely to this improvement, for the enlistments, especially from the rural portions of the country, indicate that the young men now obtained are drawn from a self-respecting and most desirable class. It is believed that the present high standard will be maintained for the effort of the department is to disseminate information about the navy, calling especial attention to the honorable, remunerative, and satisfactory career it offers to young men, with its provision of a fair life income after retirement from active service. It is also noted that the records of the past years show a gradual and steady gain in the number of men enlisted, although the moral, mental, and physical standard is high, and no applicant is accepted for the service until he has been subjected to a most rigorous scrutiny.

While the number recruited during the past year is satisfactory, the present fiscal year promises to surpass all previous years. There were enlisted from July 1 to November 1, 1907, 5,525, as against 4,125 for the first four months of the preceding fiscal year.

NEW SHIPS RECOMMENDED. I earnestly recommend that Congress authorize, at its coming session, the construction of the following vessels: Number and class. Four battleships of the same type as the Delaware class to cost \$38,000,000. Four scout cruisers of the same type as the Chester class to cost \$10,000,000. Ten destroyers of the same type as those recently contracted for \$1,500,000.

Four submarines of the same type as those recommended as the result of the recent competitive tests, provided a more satisfactory type is not developed in the meantime \$1,500,000. One ammunition ship to cost \$1,750,000. One repair ship to cost \$2,000,000. Two mine-laying ships conversion and equipment for that purpose of two cruisers now on the navy list to cost \$500,000. Four fleet colliders, to cost \$1,000,000. Total, \$69,270,000.

WANTS POSTAL MANAGER. A Permanent Man Needed for the Post-office Department—Deficit of the Year \$6,653,282.

Washington, Dec. 1.—More up-to-date business methods, a revised system of book-keeping and a permanent official corresponding to the agent of a big corporation or the superintendent of a big factory to receive a salary of not less than \$10,000 are the striking needs of

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the postoffice department, according to the annual report of Postmaster-General George von L. Meyer, which was submitted to the President. This report is for the fiscal year which ended June 30 last. Further than this there is a recommendation for a general increase of salary to officials of the department and an extension of the Bureau post to an extent which will give the people of this country the same privilege enjoyed by those of 24 other countries as to weight and postage. The most earnest recommendation of the postmaster-general, however, is for the establishment of postal savings banks. He gives two reasons for this: One, in order to encourage economy and thrift; the other, in order to afford a place of deposit from any possibility of doubt or surprise for vast sums of money which might otherwise be hoarded and kept out of circulation through ignorance or lack of confidence. During the past fiscal year the post-office department sent to European countries alone \$2,111,703. This money, says Mr. Meyer, would naturally have been placed for safety in the postal savings banks while it was accumulating. SLOT MACHINES FOR STAMPS. Slot machines for the sale of stamps and postal cards are also recommended by Mr. Meyer. The department is now experimenting with the postal savings banks while it was accumulating.

had to contend with that of a promoter who would promise no returns for contributions, but "draw" any one to send him \$9 for blind "investment." The advertisements and circulars were so cunningly worded that while they purported to promise nothing, and did not disclose how the money was to be used, yet evidently suggested that the party would receive \$50 or more in money within 30 or 45 days from the time of the investment of the \$10. In return for the money sent to the operator the "investor" received a certificate of stock in a mining corporation, the value of which stock was at the time entirely prospective and speculative and not of the current and actual value of \$50.

EMPEROR FOR 60 YEARS. Francis Joseph Unable to Receive Congratulatory Messages. Vienna, Dec. 1.—In order to spare Emperor Francis Joseph the fatigue of receiving congratulatory deputations tomorrow on the occasion of the celebration of the diamond jubilee of his reign, the diplomatic representatives of the various countries signed their names today on a congratulatory register at the foreign office. The beginning of the sixtieth year of the reign of the Emperor will be celebrated with the utmost simplicity in accordance with the expressed desire of the Emperor-King.

Gilbert Parker and John of Gaunt. The home of Sir Gilbert Parker, member of the house of commons, man of wealth and of affairs, of clubs and of social life, is a splendid house in Carlton House terrace, the most exclusive section of fashionable London. But for three days of every week—for Friday, Saturday and Sunday—the home of Gilbert Parker, author, is in one of the most charming of all English country houses, an ancient stone cottage, surrounded with flowers and shrubs and trees, and, although only an hour's ride from London, having all the effect of isolation, so hidden away it is even from the nearest houses. It is in Homestall, near Grimstead, in Sussex. But it is not only that this house of accessible seclusion is fine in itself and its surroundings, but that there is also the magic charm of association, for it was built by John of Gaunt, he who was immortalized by that sonorous line in King Richard II: "Old John of Gaunt, time honored Lancaster." John of Gaunt built this stone cottage for use as a hunting lodge and country house. The staircases are the original ones, and so are the fine old mullioned windows, and the iron bars behind the fireplaces bear the ancient Lancaster arms.