

SECRETARY MEYER IS REORGANIZING THE NAVAL FORCE

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possible for a ship to be built and then handed over to the fighting arm with the air of "Here's your new ship. Take it or leave it, but it's all you'll get."

Building of Ships.
The building and fitting of the ships will come under the division of material, working through the bureau of construction and repair, ordnance, steam engineering and supplies and accounts. In the old organization there was no single adviser to whom the secretary might go for advice on matters of material. He had to call on the chiefs of the various bureaus who might have wide difference of opinion. Now the aid for operations concentrates the whole business in one man, and he can do the consulting and harmonizing between the bureaus, bringing forth a definite and non-contradictory course of action.

The division of inspection will inspect all parts of the service, on land and sea, at stated intervals, reporting direct to the secretary, subdivision of three members is to inspect the navy yards and stations. These officers have no administrative duties and are thus in no way responsible for conditions they are to comment upon.

The division of operations deal with the movements of ships in commission and of the strategic employment of all naval forces. It also concludes advisory duties in matters of naval policy, building programs and military features of ship design. The division of personnel includes the bureaus of navigation and medicine and surgery, the judge advocate general and the examining and retiring board.

Cost Keeping System.

The new cost keeping system is one of the features of the reorganization that will tend to promote economy, since by it the secretary of the navy will now be able to arrive at a correct estimate of expenses. Hitherto cost keeping has been done by the working departments themselves, a practice directly at variance with modern commercial methods. With the transfer of this work to an independent department it will be possible for managers and inspectors to follow the cost of work from day to day, thus determining how closely estimates are being realized; discovering where overhead charges are excessive and where they may be cut; informing themselves as to the comparative efficiency of different shops and machines; estimating time and cost to finish partially completed jobs and guarding against the possibility of extending allotments of funds for jobs or for periods of time.

The working out of this plan, which has the sanction of congress for a year's trial, is found to be most successful. One of its chief merits is that it is elastic, and where it is found necessary to introduce modifications this can be done without in any way impairing the efficiency of the scheme. It is a plan based on common sense, a naval officer asserted today, a plan to get the greatest value for outlay, both in time and money on the commercial side; and to raise the navy to the highest degree of military efficiency. The personnel of the navy, he added, is cooperating heartily with the secretary to aid in the successful operation of the plan and there is no reason to doubt that the success already attained will be continued.

DIX TO CARRY CITY

(American News Service)

New York, Nov. 5.—Lloyd C. Griscom, chairman of the republican county committee of New York, admitted today that John A. Dix, the democratic candidate for governor, would carry New York City with between 70,000 and 75,000 plurality. Chairman Griscom supplemented this prediction however with the statement that from all the advice received by him Henry L. Stimson, the republican gubernatorial candidate, will carry the entire state by 90,000 plurality.

TOOK DEADLY ACID

(American News Service)

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 5.—Charles Egger, 29 years old, who has a wife and child in Columbus, O., killed himself by drinking a mixture of wood alcohol and carbolic acid after failing to recoup his wealth in St. Louis. He came here last June after his fortune of \$30,000, made in the cigar business in Columbus had been lost in a wild-cat investment scheme.

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HAS FRUIT FREAKS

Wisconsin Wizzard in Horticulture, Grows Pears upon Ash Trees.

GROWS ODD SHAPE SHRUBS

Marquette, Wis., Nov. 5.—Martin Pederson of 727 Menekaune avenue, has earned a reputation as a wizard gardener, and hundreds of Menominee and Marinette people visited him to see the wonderful curiosity of pears growing on a mountain ash tree. The limb on which the pears were growing was grafted on the sturdy mountain ash tree seven years ago and has thrived heartily. The limb bore the first fruit last season, and this year the pears reached perfection.

Mr. Pederson is not a professional gardener, but has made a study of the subject, being especially expert in grafting and growing shrubbery. He believes that the grafting of pears on mountain ash trees might be followed with profit as a business, as the fruit thus cultivated is larger, richer and more luscious than in its natural state.

Another curiosity of which Mr. Pederson is proud is an apple tree on which he grows three varieties of apples, all of which thrive with vigor and beauty.

He has spruce trees beautifully trimmed, some as square as a table and others arched and trained into grotesque shapes. Another curiosity on his lawn this year is a snowball tree, bearing a second growth of luxuriant flowers.

TO INCREASE RATE

Magazines Probably Will Pay an Excess Postage Fee for Advertising.

OTHER RATES REMAIN SAME

Washington, Nov. 5.—A change in second-class postage rates, affecting magazines and other periodicals, has been agreed on and President Taft will recommend to congress that the magazines be required to pay the present rate of 1 cent a pound on all reading matter, and a much higher rate to be determined later on the advertising page. Each magazine will be required to send a copy of its current issue to the postoffice department each week or month, as the case may be. There the publication will be dissected. The reading matter and the advertising sections will be separately weighed and the amount of postage computed by the number of magazines sent out.

Newspapers will not be affected. The average haul of the newspaper is but three hundred miles, while the average haul of the magazine is 1,100 miles.

President Taft is looking forward to a 1-cent rate for letter postage, and hopes to recommend it before he leaves the White House. The estimate of the proposed new rates as to magazines the President believes will do much to bring about the penny postage plan.

ELOPES; HAS A DUEL

Colorado Ranchman Shoots at Near Relatives for Interposing.

ARRESTED; GIRL FAITHFUL

Denver, Nov. 5.—Determined that nothing should prevent him from eloping with Miss Gertrude Bashor, a town 20 miles east of here, Ray Russell, a young ranchman, went to the lengths of indulging in a revolver fight with his sweetheart's father and brother, who had given chase to the young lovers.

Although none of Russell's bullets found a mark, his extreme measures proved his downfall, for, after successfully holding the girl's irate relatives at bay and making his way to this city, he was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill while he was procuring the marriage license.

The girl, who is 26 years old, is the daughter of a wealthy ranchman. She declares she will marry her sweetheart yet, despite his apparent willingness to shoot her relatives.

INDICT L. E. BALLINGER

Cousin to Secretary of Interior to Answer Nebraska's Charge of Fraud.

LAND GRABBING ALLEGED

(American News Service.)
Omaha, Nov. 5.—Leslie E. Ballinger, a cousin of the secretary of the interior, has been indicted in Nebraska on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the public lands of this state. Ballinger is the owner of a big ranch in Garden county.

OCEAN TO OCEAN ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD TUESDAY

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awaiting with keen interest, partly because it is the home state of President Taft and partly because of the general belief that the re-election of Governor Harmon will put him in first place in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1912.

The triangular fight for the governorship of Pennsylvania is also of interest. As a protest against "boss" rule many Republicans and Democrats have bolted their party nominees and under the caption of the Keystone party are endeavoring to elect an independent ticket headed by former state treasurer, William H. Berry, for governor.

The situation in Tennessee is also attracting attention outside the state. The faction in the Democratic party opposing Governor Patterson has endorsed D. W. Hooper, the Republican nominee for governor. Governor Patterson, after receiving a renomination, withdrew from the race in the interests of harmony and was replaced at the head of the Democratic ticket by Senator Robert L. Taylor.

CHURCHES START A CAMPAIGN FOR CAPTURING SOULS

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charge of this being composed of C. E. Newman, chairman; Charles M. Reynolds, Wm. L. Morgan, O. E. Ward and Wayland Kelsey. Those who have been secured to serve as ushers are the following:

Walter B. Garver, Harry C. Doan, Dr. J. W. Smith, Edwin Crawford, Roy Parshall, L. B. Campbell, Murray Hill, George Graham, Wm. Wickett, A. L. Ellis, Harrison Scott, E. Gurney Gilbert, Edwin Jay, O. N. Garratt, J. C. Thomas, Lawrence Gist, Frank Haner, Howard Sudhoff, Henry Kluter, Ray Fryer, F. Scott Gillespie, Prof. Roderick Scott, Wallace Gifford, George Worley, E. R. Thompson, J. O. Foss, Ben Myers, Harry Hanning, Wilber Hasemeier, Ed Newman, Gus Hoelscher, Dr. A. O. Martin, Ray Longnecker, H. W. Thompson, Asa Hyde, John Pinnick, F. F. Riggs, George Ellis, Raymond Nicholson, Howard Williams, Hamilton Smith, Chas. Hibert, Richard Sedgwick, Charles Moss, Harry Niles, Waldo Lacy, S. A. MacDonald, Wm. Pippin, Elmer Unthank, Horace Hockett, Wm. Frame, Ira Grose.

A REPARATION CASE

(American News Service)

Washington, Nov. 5.—Examiner Boyd of the interstate commerce commission today heard the reparation case against the Pennsylvania Railroad company brought by the Heath Hardware company of Monroe, N. C. Unreasonable charges on shipments of sheet iron between points in Pennsylvania and Ohio to Monroe, N. C., was alleged.

News Forecast For Coming Week

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.—During the next few days the results of the state and congressional elections will form the staple of news and discussion throughout the United States. There is scarcely a nook or corner of the country but has its own contest of importance, while of general interest will be the result of the election for the Sixty-second congress and the gubernatorial contests in New York, Ohio and several other states where the choice of the next governor is likely to have an important bearing upon national politics or the next presidential election.

The campaign in New York state, which is attracting most attention, will be continued almost to the opening of the polls Tuesday morning. In New York City the night before election will see an almost unprecedented number of political mass meetings, at which Colonel Roosevelt and other noted leaders will speak.

President Taft will leave Washington Monday night to cast his ballot in Cincinnati the following day. Arriving back in Washington on Wednesday morning, the president will spend but a few hours in the city leaving again in the afternoon for Charleston, S. C., and sailing from that city at noon Thursday for Panama.

The dedication of the John Hay memorial library at Brown university Friday will be the most elaborate event of the kind ever conducted at an American institution of learning. Emeritus President James B. Angell of the university of Michigan and Senator Root will be the chief speakers.

Saturday is the day fixed for the unveiling of a monument at the grave of Gen. James Shields at Carroton, Mo. Gen. Shields, a native of Ireland, distinguished himself in the Mexican and civil wars, represented Illinois and Minnesota in the United States senate and also held public offices in California and Missouri.

The members of the national monetary commission of which Senator Aldrich is chairman, will attend a national conference to study the currency problem, which will meet at Columbia university Friday and Saturday under the auspices of the American Academy of Political Science.

Other events and meetings of the week of public interest will be the opening of the new bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis, the national convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at Little Rock, the beginning of the winter racing season in California, the opening of the national horse show in Madison Square garden, New York, the grand prize automobile race at Savannah, the installation of William Preston Few as president of Trinity college, South Carolina, and the opening of an exhibition in Paterson, N. J., in celebration of the centennial of the silk industry in America.

In the foreign field will be the celebration of Lord Mayor's day in London, the final ending of the celebrated Crippen murder case, the celebration of the forty-first birthday of the King of Italy, the South African tour of the Duke of Connaught, the celebration of the centenary of Fritz Reuter, the famous German writer, and the crowning of the new King of Siam at Bangkok.

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PARROT TALKS AGAIN

New York, Nov. 5.—Dick is talking again after a silence of months. Dick is one of the parrots in the Central Park menagerie, and is, according to Donald Burns, keeper of the aviary, more than 100 years old. He is in the cage with Castro, the Spanish parrot. "That bird is what you might call an heirloom," said Burns. "He was in one family for nearly 100 years before he was presented to the menagerie."

In all his lifetime Dick, according to his keeper, has never used any un-

parliamentary language. In the last few months he hasn't even said anything, and Burns had begun to believe that he was getting in his dotage. Castro, however, has one or two words at his command which show that he served a nautical apprenticeship. "Parrots live much longer than 100 years," said Burns. "But I had begun to believe that Dick's talking days were over until the other morning when I came in. 'O'Don!' 'Oh, O'Don!' he called out to me, and since then he has been chuckling and talking at a great rate."

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