

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORT

It Recognizes the Marital Relations or Seals, Some Preferring Bachelorhood.

WEDDED SEALS COUNTED.

Last Year There Were One Thousand And Seventy-One Happy Families On St. Paul Island.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—About this time every year there comes from the government printing office a host of rather dry-looking documents—annual reports—setting forth the ramifications and results of the activities of hundreds of government officials in every corner of the national territory. Behind the long columns of figures, underneath the serious dollar-marks and other forms of statistics, between the lines of bare and often cumbrously-written official statements of men whose forte is not literary stories which, if one had time to dig them out, would be as interesting as "Robinson Crusoe" or any other of the famous tales of adventure.

Take for instance the report of the secretary of commerce and labor, Charles Nagel, addressed to the president and first made public tonight. The following paragraphs indicate the scope of the activities of this department, and some of the entertaining material with which it deals in the course of a year's work.

MARITAL RELATION OF SEALS.

For example, who in the world east of the Rocky mountains would have suspected that some seals are married and some are bachelors, and so recognized officially by Uncle Sam? Yet it seems that there are at least 2,000 "bachelor" seals on St. Paul and St. George's islands. Some 2,000 of the seals are bachelors of a polygamous temperament and have among them about 50,000 wives, classified by the government experts into "harems," and spoken of that way when they are officially talked about. It also appears that there are only 140,000 seals left now on the island, and the deduction must fol-

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low that at the rate of decrease in the last 10 years, it is only a question of time when the seal will be a memory and another of the mammal family will have become extinct by the greed of man.

The question arises, who knows all this? Up on the barren reefs of the Pribilofs there is a band of men called the "Alaskan Fur Seal service." These men counted the married seals last year and found there were 1,071 happy families on St. Paul island, where one father families lives in serenity with a dozen wives. They found 2,000 little bachelor seals and promptly tagged them as "immature" from the hunters, because Uncle Sam wants to encourage every bachelor to get a "harem" of his own.

So much for the top of the seas. The bottoms do not escape investigation. Down at Woods Hole, Mass., and at Beaufort, N. C., there are two seaside laboratories, where a set of experts study the mysteries of the deep. On the coast of Florida, a series of experiments have proved that we can produce our own sponges. They have discovered that in 2 months a sponge can be coaxed to grow big that it will weigh an ounce and a quarter, when it is empty. Somewhere between Hatteras and Labrador there is an expert for the government beating his way up the coast on a "wind-jammer" looking for a very elusive fish, the mackerel. When he learns his tricks the government will tell the fishermen. Upon the coast of Alaska, at Afognak, there is a new salmon station, which has liberated more than 3,000,000

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young red salmon to the rivers, and during the year, all over the United States, the government deposited in various waters more than 3,000,000 fish.

NEW LANES FOR COMMERCE.

Finding their way through the tortuous channels in the waters of the Philippines, a group of hardy men from the coast and geodetic survey are finding new lanes for commerce. Waters hitherto uncharted and a mystery to the mariner will be easy of navigation. Another group is working its way up the rocky coast of Alaska.

On the northern edge of the United States a band of explorers has cut its way through the forests to the peak of the Rocky mountains, marking the boundary line of the United States with Canada. The old monuments, placed years ago and hopelessly buried in the tangle of mountain undergrowth, have been recovered and new ones set in the places. Whichever the line runs through wooded sections, a lane of clearing has been chopped up one side of the mountain and down the other. Along the Yukon river the civil engineers with trails and plumb-bobs have been locating the 141st meridian of longitude. The basis for all future land surveys in the valley of one of the greatest rivers in the world, is being laid there now.

Each aspect of this work comes under some one of the 16 bureaus of the department. They cover everything. In the bureau of corporations, the proper control of the great industrial and financial forces of the country is the absorbing problem. A system of statutory publicity by which corporations will be required to report the essential facts of their organization and condition is suggested. This must be done by the federal government, Secy. Nagel believes, and his report says any attempt to solve the problem through state action will be futile, because no number of states can ever agree on establishing and maintaining one system.

The bureau of immigration shows in cold figures that the longer the stranger stays in the United States, the more unlikely he is to go away. There has been during the year an increase in the immigrant population of the United States of more than 500,000. More than a quarter of a million immigrants went back home and 160,000 of them had been here less than five years. There were only 2,000 departures of those who have been here 20 years. The statistics show it is the unskilled immigrant who is the bird of passage and that the mechanic and the artisan stay in their new homes.

The effectiveness of the immigration limitations agreed upon between the government and Japan is demonstrated in the reports which show that of 2,664 Japanese who applied for admission to the country 2,342 had the proper passports from their home government and only 322 were barred.

FOREIGN COMMERCE.

The magnitude of the foreign commerce was more than \$1,300,000,000. During the year more than 3,000,000 bulletins from the bureau of manufactures carried the news of business opportunities from the corners of the earth to American capital and labor.

The bureau of navigation shows that we build fewer steel ships for foreign trade than we did 10 years ago, because our shipbuilding is confined to the needs of coastwise and domestic transportation. During the fiscal year 1909 our shipyards built only 1,247 merchant vessels with tonnage of 238,000, the smallest product since 1898.

The protecting waves of the wireless telegraph have spread themselves over the sea and formed a life-net. Of 232 steamships that carry steerage passengers to and from the United States, half have been equipped with wireless, and the proportion is even higher in small figure. The mainland of Alaska, the United States, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Panama canal zone has been equipped with wireless land stations and a vessel at sea within 300 miles of shore can communicate.

The department has made official tests of mullage, steel rails, soap for use on the Panama canal, silk and many other things. It has established a bureau of standards for honest weights with which some of the states are co-operating. And when the department has cared for everything else its jurisdiction, Secy. Nagel's report calls attention to the fact that it has accomplished the work with appropriations which have increased only a little more than 3 per cent in the last four years.

M. BLERIOT MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—M. Bleriot, the French aviator, whose flight across the English channel was one of the most remarkable achievements of the year, and who has had more narrow escapes from death than any one aviator, met with another serious accident here today.

He was giving an exhibition in the presence of an immense crowd when his aeroplane collided with a house. The force of the impact turned the machine completely over, and Bleriot fell to the ground. He was injured on the left side and, it is feared, internally hurt. His machine was wrecked, Bleriot, who was using an aeroplane of the cross-channel type, did not wish to disappoint the crowds that had gathered to watch his exhibition, although a strong wind was blowing. No sooner had he ascended than he was carried away by the wind a mile and a half. He endeavored to tack and return, but was unable to rise above the roofs of the houses. His machine was driven against a wall and overturned, falling 25 feet.

Bleriot remained in his seat and was caught in the wreckage. After being taken out he managed to raise himself, but complained of a severe internal pain.

Mme. Bleriot hastened to his assistance and had him conveyed to the French hospital, where physicians found that he had been severely bruised in the abdomen. His wife reassured the crowds that besieged the hospital. She reported the condition of her husband to be fairly satisfactory, but said that nothing definite could be learned until tomorrow.

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SMALL GASOLINE LAUNCH CAPSIZES

Four Members Out of Party of Young People of Seven Were Drowned.

HAD BEEN AT SKATING RINK.

When Boat Overturned All Secured Holds but Some Became Exhausted and Sank.

Rainier, Or., Dec. 12.—The capsizing of a gasoline launch in the Columbia river off Burton's Landing, a few miles west of here early yesterday caused the death of four of a party of seven young people. The dead are Lee Barber, aged 20; Salma Hendrickson, aged 17; Anne Hendrickson, aged 13, and Grace Wand, aged 16.

All lived at Maygers. The party came to Rainier late Saturday night to visit a skating rink and after the resort closed started for home. When opposite Burton's Landing the launch suddenly capsized, precipitating the entire party into the water. All secured holds on the overturned boat, but after an hour and a half Barber became exhausted and slipped back into the water. He did not rise. Half an hour later he was followed by Salma Hendrickson and a few minutes later by her sister Anna.

A short time afterwards Grace Wand became exhausted and let go. The three who were left managed to hold out until several hours later a passing river steamer was attracted by cries and picked them up. The survivors were Pearl Proctor, Fank Kasper and Amos Card.

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CENSUS SUPERVISORS.

Taft Says if Use Office for Political Purposes, Will Remove Them.

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Taft today served notice on ambitious members of Congress that the newly organized machinery for the taking of the coming census is not to be utilized for political ends. He addressed 35 supervisors of the census at the executive office and told them plainly if they used their offices, or if they permitted the enumerators directly under them, to further political ends, he would remove them promptly.

"Many of you—most of you—have been recommended by congressmen," said the president, "and it may be that some of those congressmen will come to you and expect, because they did recommend you, that you owe them something in the way of selecting the men as enumerators who will help them in their congressional elections."

SIMPLE REMEDY FOR KIDNEYS

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