

SECY. MEYER'S ANNUAL REPORT

For Present at Least He Is Not in Favor of Closing Any of the Government Navy-Yards.

WANTS MORE BATTLESHIPS

On Principle He Opposes Construction of Vessels at United States Navy-Yards.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Despite the agitation to close some of the navy-yards along the southern coast, Secy. of the Navy Meyer will oppose any such step for the present. This much was made plain in his annual report submitted to President Taft today.

Secy. Meyer says that he is not entirely convinced that the government can advantageously give up sites, in which large expenditures have been made, until after the opening of the Panama canal, when it definitely can be demonstrated which are likely to be of the greatest value.

"It is not unknown in the history of the government," says the secretary, "that national reservations have been given up and later were bought back at increased cost." Again in discussing the same subject, he says that the "completion of the Panama canal, the development of trade in the Gulf of Mexico and the whole Caribbean region and the probable increase of the naval establishment to meet our national responsibilities in that area will probably call for supply stations, in part for the heavy fleet, but principally for the torpedo craft and submarines and the smaller vessels needed there."

He urges the "extreme desirability" of developing the naval station partly established at Guantanamo, Cuba. "With the opening of the Panama canal, the Caribbean sea will become the scene of great commercial activity, and our responsibility as to the police and maintenance calls for an adequate naval repair base in that locality."

The secretary reviews in detail his proposed plan for the reorganization of the navy, and in addition makes many recommendations for the conduct of affairs in his department.

Two more battleships of the all-big-gun type are recommended to be constructed, but on account of the desire to keep down the expenditures, he asks only for a repair ship in addition to these two proposed giants of the sea.

The completion of the big drydock at the Brooklyn navy-yard is urged, and furthermore the secretary says that "it is clear that one dock on the Atlantic coast, for docking our largest battleships, is not sufficient, since that one might be injured." In this connection, he pointed out that provisions for docking of heavy vessels injured or damaged in action or by standing are almost entirely lacking, and that but few navy-yards exist on either coast which have sufficient water to dock an injured battleship drawing four or five feet more than its ordinary draft.

Ship construction at the navy-yards of the United States is opposed as a principle by the secretary. Only occasionally, as a check in costs of particular types, does he believe that the United States should build a ship. Shipbuilding concerns should be encouraged, in his opinion, so that the government can profit by their experience and resources, and also because ordinarily the work is done more economically by them than at navy-yards.

Furthermore, Secy. Meyer is opposed to Congress restricting the construction by one shipbuilding company to one battleship, or to requiring one battleship to be constructed at a navy-yard, or on one coast or the other.

Estimates for this coming fiscal year were included in the report. They are \$10,111,000 less than the total amount appropriated for the present fiscal year. The senior officers of the navy are too old, according to the secretary. He announces in his report that he soon will send to the president some recommendations as to new legislation for remedying this defect.

"The senior officers of our navy are too old for the responsibilities and arduous duty required in the modern battleship," says the secretary. "They are much older than similar officers in the other principal navies of the world. Not only is this the case, but flag officers arrive at the grade of rear admiral so late that even those of long-continued service do not get adequate training as subordinate flag officers before assuming the chief command."

Recommendations for the legal establishment of a naval reserve of officers and men and in regard to the development of a naval militia are also promised.

GIVEN FIVE YEARS FOR STEALING PAIR OF SHOES

Marshall, Mich., Dec. 4.—John J. Meyer of Chicago, who says his father is pastor of a Methodist church in Wisconsin, and that he himself is a graduate of Northwestern university, was taken to Jackson prison yesterday to serve a five-year sentence for stealing



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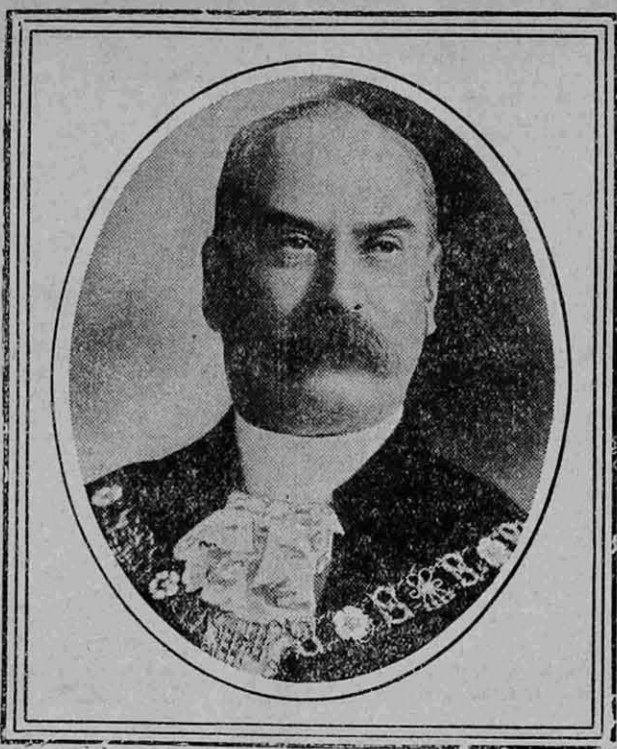
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Officers believe he is a professional shoplifter and is wanted in many Michigan towns, which accounts for the heavy sentence. The name he gives is believed to be assumed. He had no money and said he would go to prison rather than ask his father for aid.

NO SECTARIAN TEACHING WANTED IN THE SCHOOLS

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A problem which has agitated school boards in all cities of the country where the population has a large foreign element assumed shape in Chicago yesterday when a memorial asking the school board to do away with all sectarian teachings in the schools was presented to President Alfred R. Union. The memorial is signed by five Jewish religious workers.

The petition claims that in various hymns in the schools there are moral lessons diametrically opposed to the Hebrew faith and that there is a tendency to teach Jewish children things that their religion either condemns or does not favor. This is against the spirit and the letter of true democracy, the protesting rabbis claim, and their memorial requests that the president at once issue an order abandoning these hymns in the schools.

DUKE OF THE ABRUZZI WILL COME AND LECTURE

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A Washington special to the Record-Herald says: "The Duke of the Abruzzi, in a letter to a friend received here yesterday, declares that his recent promotion to the vice admiralty of the Italian navy will not interfere with his plans to visit this country early in the spring. He will give four lectures on the ascension of Asiatic mountains."

IMMEDIATE ATTACK ON CORPORATION TAX

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Lavern W. Noyes, president of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, announced upon his return from Washington yesterday that immediate steps will be taken to attack the validity of the corporation tax law in the courts.

"Our visit to Washington was a successful one," said Mr. Noyes. "Both President Taft and Mr. MacVeigh listened attentively to our contentions and I firmly believe they jointly will take up the proposition of giving the business interests sufficient time to get a supreme court decision upon the constitutionality of the law."

Plans for proposed legal action were discussed yesterday at a meeting of the board of directors of the Illinois Manufacturers' association.

HERMIT LIFE OF OCEY SNEAD'S FATHER

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 4.—Mystery surrounding the death in East Orange, N. J., of Mrs. Ozey W. M. Snead has recalled to the residents of Louisville the hermit life which her father, Col. Robert M. Martin, spent here during his declining years. Following the burning of his mansion in Wilder Park,

a suburb of Louisville, nearly 20 years ago, his wife, who was Miss Jennie Wardlaw of Murfreesboro, Tenn., returned with her little daughter, later Mrs. Ozey Snead to the former home of the Martins in New York. Here she took up teaching with her sister, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, one of the suspects in the present tragedy.

Col. Martin made a three years' fight in the tobacco business in this city to recoup his fallen fortunes but failed and one midnight 12 years ago, he died alone in a tiny house which he had built for himself on the site of his mansion house. He never saw his wife or child again after they departed for New York.

Those Louisville people who remember Miss Virginia Wardlaw declare that her affection for her small niece was conspicuous. Col. Martin's long sustained refusal, after the disbanding of the confederate army of which he was a member, to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, was the subject of much controversy in the courts 40 years ago.

STRINGENT AUTOMOBILE LAWS ARE DEMANDED

New York, Dec. 4.—The adoption of more stringent automobile laws throughout the country is urged by Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, president of the New Jersey senate and author of the present automobile law in that state, in a statement today. "The speed maniacs should be sternly stopped," says Senator Frelinghuysen. "The situation must be considered broadly, however, and it must be remembered that no single class is solely to blame. The rich owner of a car frequently is more of a public menace than the joy riding chauffeur."

FUND FOR BUYING CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR POOR

New York, Dec. 4.—James Stillman, the banker, has sent a Christmas check for \$10,000 to a Roman Catholic church here, directing that the income on the money is to be used each year for buying Christmas presents for the poor children of the parish. Gifts for more than 1,000 children will be purchased with the money every year.

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ARRESTED AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS' SEARCH

Chicago, Dec. 4.—John Bingham, who for 15 years has been sought by the police for alleged connection with the killing of Gus Colander in a riot at a polling place, was arrested here last night.

The police say an indictment charging Bingham with the murder of Colander is still pending in the criminal court, and today Capt. Stephen Wood will consult with Chief Steward and State's Atty. Wayman as to the possibility of trying the prisoner on the indictment.

SENSATION SPRUNG IN UNIVERSITY OF PENNA.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—A mild sensation was sprung today when announcement was made that Walter George Smith, a prominent attorney, had resigned as a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania because of a difference of opinion between himself and other members of the board over the appointment of a professor who held certain views on divorce.

Mr. Smith was prominent in the recent movement to obtain uniform divorce laws throughout the United States. Mr. Smith issued a statement in which he said he resigned because of a difference of opinion as to the propriety of the election of Dr. L. P. Lichtenberger as an associate professor.

Mr. Smith said he did not think that the views held by Dr. Lichtenberger were such as could be properly held by a professor in the university, and that in the department declaring with sociological questions.

In a publication of the American Sociological society, which Mr. Smith in his statement refers to, Dr. Lichtenberger is quoted as saying: "We might as well seek to stop suicide by prohibitive legislation as divorce. The same method, as Prof. Howard has indicated, is constructive treatment of the causes rather than destructive treatment of the results."

SENATOR DOLLIVER FIRES SHOT AT ENEMY

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver of Iowa, a leading member of the "insurgents," fired a shot into the

enemy in a speech at the Press club today.

Mrs. Dolliver declared the most hopeful sign about the last Congress was not what it did, but the fact that it did not act unanimously. He believed President Taft's attitude toward the "insurgents" at the coming session, would be friendly.

"The time when a 'skingame' can be worked on the people with the unanimous consent of Congress will never come again," said Mr. Dolliver. "The real insurgents at the extraordinary session of Congress were not the few men who tried to represent pub-

lic interest faithfully and carry out pledges of the party platform, but the group of private interests before whose threats to defeat legislation leaders of the party bowed for the sake of harmony."

FIRST BORN NOT A BOY SO MOTHER BURIED IT

Mexico City, Dec. 3.—Because her first born was not a boy, Maria Isabel Hernandez, aided by two other women, it is charged, buried her baby alive in the

walls of an adobe house a few minutes after its birth on Monday. Today the three women were arrested.

GRACE GUGGENHEIM'S DIVORCE IS VALID

New York, Dec. 3.—So far as the New York state courts have determined, the divorce that Grace B. Guggenheim obtained from William Guggenheim eight years ago is valid. This is the gist of a decision rendered by the appellate division of the supreme court

today, sustaining the dismissal of Mrs. Guggenheim's second action for a divorce, brought here to test the legality of the Chicago decree.

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