

BRISTOW MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS.

Wants Legislation to Prevent
Common Carriers Aiding and
Abetting Green Goods Schemes.

MORE PAY FOR RURAL CARRIERS

Investigation Shows Purchases of
Supplies Have Not Been Made With
Eye Single to Government's Good

Washington, Dec. 2.—The annual report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, makes the following recommendations:

An appropriation to construct inspectors' lookouts in postoffices where necessary in the opinion of the postmaster-general; that the interstate commerce law be amended so as to prohibit common carriers from aiding and abetting in the green goods, lottery or any other scheme carried on partly by mail and partly by common carrier, in violation of the postal laws; that special agents and postoffice inspectors be hereafter designated rural agents; that the provision that rural carriers shall not be prohibited from doing an express package business be repealed; that the maximum of a rural carrier be increased to \$750 per annum for a route of 25 miles or more in length, and the enactment of a law requiring assistant postmasters, cashiers and other employees to give bonds to postmasters direct, and holding postmasters responsible under their own bonds.

The estimated expenditure for both city and rural free delivery service during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1904, will aggregate about \$47,000,000. There were 15,061 appointments of postmasters during the year and the removals of postmasters for cause showed a decrease. There were 4,828 postoffices discontinued, of which 2,163 resulted from the extension of rural free delivery, the salaries of the postmasters of the latter offices aggregating \$121,532. During the year postmasters were dropped from the rolls as follows:

Resignations, presidential, 67; fourth class, 8,777; removals, presidential, 41; fourth class, 1,785; deaths, presidential, 56; fourth class, 113. On July 1 last there were 74,166 postoffices, of which 242 were first class, 1,187 second class, 2,590 third class and 69,130 fourth class. City free delivery service was established at 29 postoffices during the year, making a total of 1,933 free delivery offices.

There are now in operation 19,390 rural free delivery routes. It is estimated that 2,350 additional routes can be established out of the appropriation now available, making 22,740, which will be in operation or ordered established by March 1, 1904.

To maintain the service on these routes during the fiscal year, from July 1, 1904, to June 30, 1905, will require \$12,500,000. If Congress provides for an increased number of agents as recommended it will require about \$19,000,000 to maintain and install the service. If the maximum salary of the carriers is increased from \$600 to \$750 per annum as recommended, it will necessitate an increase in the above estimate of about 25 per cent.

Mr. Bristow's report further says:

"An investigation which is still in progress has shown that for a number of years supplies for the free delivery service have not been purchased with an eye single to the public interests. Both in the matter of quality and the cost of equipment the rule has been to buy at the lowest price. This applies to articles furnished under regular contract, such as street collection boxes and carriers' satchels, as well as to those bought in the open market under the emergency privilege, which has been much abused. Favored contractors, abetted by a trusted but unfaithful official, have corrupted the public service. An early and thorough reformation will be undertaken along the line of service equipment with the prospect of improved service at a reduced cost. Fraudulent contracts have been exposed. In the reletting of contracts honest competition will have fair and free play."

Marriage of Divorced Persons.

New York, Dec. 3.—Opposition by ministers here toward solemnizing the marriage of divorced persons is becoming so marked that the Protestant Episcopal church committee on the subject is receiving assurances of co-operation from other denominations. Support to the movement, which is an outgrowth of action taken by the last general convention, already has been pledged by a meeting at which there were delegates representing the Presbyterian, Baptist, United Presbyterian,

FACTORY GIRLS AND SOCIETY WOMEN.

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MAJOR RUNCIE, WHO DECLARES THAT GEN. WOOD INSPIRED
MAGAZINE ARTICLE AGAINST GEN. BROOKE.

Major James E. Runcie is just now very much in the public eye by reason of his testimony before the United States senate military committee to the effect that General Leonard Wood, at a dinner at his home at which Major Runcie and Ray Stannard Baker, a newspaper writer, were present, requested that an article be written exploiting General Wood's administration of affairs in Santiago and contrasting the condition in that province with the condition in Havana, General Brooke being at that time military governor of Cuba, with headquarters at Havana. The article was delayed in publication, and when it finally appeared Wood, who had meanwhile succeeded Brooke, was very much incensed against Runcie. Major Runcie is on the retired list of the army.

Unitarian, Congregational and Lutheran churches. Invitations have been sent to the Universals, United Brethren and other religious bodies, to join in the crusade and it is expected that at the next meeting of the promoters to be held in February, at least 20 denominations will be represented so that divorcees may have to face a serious problem if they wish to re-marry under church rites in this city.

DIRECTOR ROBERTS' REPORT

Output of Mints, in Number of
Pieces, Largest in History.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The annual report of Director Roberts of the United States mint bureau shows that the coinage mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco were in operation during the year, and that the output was greater in number of pieces than in any previous year, aggregating 265,872,482. The pressure for small domestic coins and for Philippine coins reduced the aggregate of gold coinage to \$45,721,733, and the stock of gold bullion in the mints increased from \$124,683,823 to \$157,511,571. This bullion is included in all figures of treasury reserves. The net gain in gold stock of the country during the year is estimated to have been \$57,157,149.

Of the silver bullion purchased for dollar coinage under the act of July 14, 1900, 22,218,712 fine ounces were on hand at the beginning of the year and 17,502,938 at the close of the year. This amount will be entirely exhausted during the current fiscal year. No other provision exists for the coinage of dollars or subsidiary silver coin.

The total deposits of gold bullion at the various offices of the mint service during the year were of the value of \$127,004,431.

The value of gold bars disposed of by the mint service during the year was \$43,775,236, of which \$22,559,854 was for export and \$21,215,382 for use in manufactures. The value of bars sold by private refiners to manufacturers during the year was \$3,291,406, of which all but \$683,768 was from old material. The inquiry as to the United States gold coin melted down during the year resulted in returns aggregating \$3,094,450, and the director's estimate of the total is \$3,500,000. The amount of new gold bullion and of gold coin used in manufactures in this country during the year is estimated to have been \$23,065,238, the largest on record.

The gold imports for the fiscal year were \$44,982,027, coming namely from Canada, Mexico, Australia, France and Great Britain. The total exports of gold were \$47,090,595. Of this \$23,890,966 was in mint bars shipped to France and Germany; \$2,274,156 in private refinery bars shipped to Japan; \$10,700,855 in domestic gold coin shipped to South America; \$5,847,239 in domestic gold coins shipped to Canada, and the remainder in bullion and coin to various

countries. The value of silver imports during the year was \$24,163,491, and of silver exports \$44,500,239. Inquiry addressed to every bank in Canada and replies from each showed the stock of United States gold coin in Canadian banks on June 30, 1903, to be \$10,875,598. The stock in the Dominion treasury on the same date was \$34,429,334.

A summary of all earnings and expenditures, including seigniorage on silver and minor coin, shows that the total earnings and gains exceeded expenditures by \$6,897,323, the total earnings having been \$8,698,510 and the expenditures \$1,801,187.

It is announced that the new coinage mint at Denver will be ready for equipment during the coming year. The table of monetary stocks shows a gain in the estimate of gold stocks of the world from Dec. 31, 1901, to Dec. 31, 1902, of \$208,000,000.

GEN. BATES' REPORT.

Says Federal Troops Are Not
Needed in Colorado at Present.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Maj.-Gen. J. C. Bates, who was sent to Colorado to investigate the disturbances in the Cripple Creek and Telluride mining districts which may develop into such districts, has submitted his report to Lieut.-Gen. Young, the chief of staff of the army, and it was published today. The report is dated Denver, Nov. 29, and says in part:

"At this time United States troops are not needed. There is an unsettled condition at the coal mines both in the Trinidad or southern district, and the northern district, but I think federal troops will then be needed. At present, I understand no violence is being offered in the coal districts."

"I learned of no condition such as interfere with United States mails, etc., that it would make it the duty of the federal government to interfere without application from state authorities."

General Naval Staff Wanted.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The annual report of Admiral H. C. Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, recommends the creation of a general staff in the navy, the appointment of two vice-admirals, one for the Asiatic station, a material increase in the number of officers and the addition of a number of ships to the navy. An increase in the number of cruisers forming the Caribbean squadron to eight is urged, five of an improved Olympian type and three specially constructed light draft vessels for river work.

SITUATION IN FAR EAST IS GLOOMY.

In Berlin the Danger of War is
Regarded as Greater Than
Ever Before.

HOPE TO AVERT A CONFLICT.

Is Based, to a Large Extent, on the
Belief that England Will Not Earnestly
Support Japan.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—Dispatches indicating the extreme tension of the Russo-Japanese situation almost monopolized the attention of the German press and official world yesterday, and today the danger of war was regarded as greater than ever. But this feeling was changed by the receipt of the announcement from Paris that a basis of settlement had been reached. This made the financiers hopeful and prices on the bourse opened strong. Later, a tide of alarming dispatches quickly reversed the favorable sentiment and stopped the trading absolutely.

Official circles, however, take a more hopeful view of the situation than the public. The hope that war will be averted is based to a large extent on the belief that Great Britain will not earnestly support Japan. According to this official view, Great Britain's present policy is based on a desire to keep Russia engaged until Lord Curzon, the viceroy of India, has completed his tour of the Persian gulf, and while the forward movement of the British in Tibet is in progress.

A meeting of the Shempoto members of the diet at Tokio today passed a strong resolution denouncing the cabinet's ill-fated foreign policy and recording that peace in the far east demands the evacuation of Manchuria and the opening of the principal ports there. Popular feeling is increasing in favor of the dispatch of an expedition to Russia, but the Japanese government is calm and confident.

Tramps Try to Capture a Train.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 2.—A gang of about 15 tramps attempted to take possession of a Southern Pacific freight train near Ontario last night. The trainmen fought them off, after a fight in which revolvers were fired on both sides. The train came to Colton, where officers hurriedly boarded a special train for Ontario. They searched the country about and rounded up night tramps, arrested them and sent them to the rock pile. The officers could not connect them with the hold-up.

MITCHELL IN TRINIDAD.

Chief of United Mine Workers
Given a Great Reception.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 2.—Amid prolonged cheering, waving of hats and handkerchiefs, President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America arrived in Trinidad at 5 o'clock tonight over the Santa Fe, 11 hours late. Over 2,000 men, women and children, people in all walks of life, greeted his arrival. As Mitchell stepped from the train a squad of 30 policemen surrounded him to keep the crowd back, which was pressing in a human mass to get a glimpse of him. One thousand miners surrounded the carriage containing Mr. Mitchell. John F. Ream, personal representative of Mr. Mitchell, and President Howells of district No. 15 escorted him through the main street of the city to the hotel, a distance of four blocks, there being a continual ovation along the route. Mr. Mitchell immediately retired to his room with several members of the national board.

Crowds packed the streets, stopping all traffic for fully half an hour, clamoring for a speech. State Labor Commissioner Montgomery and John L. Gehr, national organizer, addressed the crowds, stating that President Mitchell had been sick and was unable to make an address tonight, but would make a public address before leaving the city. The crowd immediately dispersed.

Mr. Mitchell was due at 7 o'clock this morning and a large crowd massed at the depot, when it was learned that the train would not arrive until late this afternoon. Word was telegraphed to the surrounding camps and people came swarming to Trinidad in all kinds of vehicles. Many brought their whole families. By noon the town had a holiday appearance and all business was practically suspended for the balance of the day.

Convict Confesses to Murder.

New York, Dec. 2.—Police Captain Reynolds, formerly in charge of the Brooklyn detective bureau, announced today that he had received a letter from a convict in Auburn prison, stating that a fellow convict had confessed to him that he murdered Albert C. Latimer in Brooklyn on July 1, 1902.

Police Inspector Kane of Long Island City was called into the case, and it is admitted that the investigation has developed some startling facts. The convict who confessed to the murder also admitted that he had a hand in the shooting of Policeman Sheridan in Long Island City.

Latimer was shot at his home late at night, and sensational developments followed his death.

NO JOY IN LEADING.

"Why don't you try to get ahead in the world?"

"Mister," said Meandering Mike, "it's a terrible thing to lead a procession. I've seen de drum major steppin' along grand an' gorgeou' an' lookin' like de whole outfit was his willin' subjecks. But de truth is dat he's got to keep movin' for if he ever stops he's dead. A whole procession is goin' to march right over his prostrate form, wit' de band playin' 'Hail Colombia' jes' like notin' had happened. Dat's why I ain't ambitious. Me for de tail end, wit' de push carts and de grocery wagons, every time."—Washington Star.

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