

# POSTAL DEFICIT IS LARGEST EVER

Washington, Nov. 29.—In his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, Postmaster-General Meyer gives the total receipts for the year as \$208,351,885, thereby showing a deficit of \$18,875,222, the largest in the history of the department, with an additional loss from fire, burglary, etc., of \$37,056. The deficit of 1909, it is estimated, will again exceed \$18,000,000.

Attention is particularly called to a number of improvements in business methods of the department as tending to its advantage and the saving of considerable amounts. Recommendation is again made for the creation of the position of director of posts at a high salary, and who shall hold office during good behavior, the object being to have a continuity of policies for the benefit of the postal service and the people of the United States.

The necessity for good roads is pointed out in connection with the development of the rural free delivery service. It is suggested that should Congress grant the department authority to utilize rural routes still further by the establishment of a limited parcels post confined entirely to rural delivery routes, it would then be possible to earn additional revenue amounting to millions of dollars, and at the same time benefit the farmer by enabling him to have merchandise delivered when ordered by telephone or postal card, which otherwise would not be purchased.

"The special parcel post," says the postmaster-general, "will enable the farmer to have small parcels delivered at his gates, to live better, and to obtain easily the necessities of life."

Permission is requested to establish experimentally a limited parcel post in not to exceed four counties in order to demonstrate the practicability of the plan.

**POSTAL BANKS URGED.**  
The postmaster-general again urges legislation permitting the establishment of postal savings banks or depositories in connection with postoffices.

Experiments with stamp vending machines, says the postmaster-general, are still being conducted, with every prospect that the defects which developed in the preliminary tests will be overcome. These machines, it is expected by the department, will add immeasurably to the public convenience.

The campaign of education in the school houses in matters pertaining to the ordinary operation of the postal service, so as to emphasize the importance of careful addressing, the placing of the name and address of the sender on envelopes, etc., is recommended to be continued, so as to save hundreds of thousands of letters and packages from going to the dead letter office each year, as is now the case.

A marked improvement in the efficiency of the service is noted by the postmaster-general, which, he says, is due to the policy of retaining postmasters of all grades whose records have been satisfactory. He believes, however, that the appointments of second and third class postmasters should lie with the postmaster-general, as is now the practice with fourth class offices. This, he says, would reserve to the president the appointment of postmasters at the more important offices and relieve him of a vast amount of routine work that is tax upon his time.

**POSTAL STATIONS.**  
The postmaster-general puts himself on record as being decidedly opposed to the law which prohibits the establishment of postal stations more than five

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miles beyond the corporate limits of a city, although he says no such restriction exists with reference to the extension of the free delivery service. The department, he declares, should not be placed in the position of being able to deliver mail from door to door and at the same time being forbidden to supply the district so served with the other usual postal conveniences. The repeal of the law complained of is urged.

The maintenance of a suitable postal service in New York City, it is stated, becomes more difficult each year and requires increased expenditures in order to reduce so far as possible the heavy congestion of mail matter there.

The postmaster-general speaks of what has been done toward remedying this condition, and says that a night delivery in the residential section has gone far in that direction.

**LONGER LEAVES OF ABSENCE.**  
Recommendation is again made that the leave of absence with pay allowed by law to employees of the postal service be increased from 15 to 30 days whenever the postal revenues warrant it.

While favoring an increase in pay of the supervisory employees in postoffices, the postmaster-general says he has not intended for additional promotions for the coming year because of the great increase in the deficit.

In regard to pneumatic tube service, it is stated that the commission appointed under the act of Congress of May 27, 1908, to inquire into the feasibility of the government acquiring and

operating the pneumatic tube service, has completed its work, and that its report will be submitted to Congress soon after it convenes. No hint is given regarding the commission's recommendations.

## INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE.

The recent establishment of the 2-cent-an-ounce rate of letter postage between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, it is stated, have the effect of bringing about greater postal receipts. "A lower postage rate will prove another bond toward closer social and commercial relations between the two great English-speaking countries," it is stated, "and it will do much to enable our manufacturers to better advertise their goods and thus increase their sales in those countries." Modern progress, it is added, is annihilating distance, and revolutionized methods in shipbuilding have made the English markets but a few days from American ports. It is urged that cheaper and direct mail service, as a stimulus to business and friendly intercourse of nations, should be extended wherever practicable.

Flaures relating to the railway mail service show a decrease of 15 in the number of railway postal clerks killed and of 21 injured as compared with the fiscal year 1907. In 1908 there were four clerks and two stationers killed and 104 seriously and 555 slightly injured. Recommendation is made that railway postal clerks be given annual leave of absence with pay for 30 days, and that when so seriously disabled as not to be able to resume duty at the expiration of 12 months, they may be granted disability leave with pay at 50 per cent of their regular compensation during such disability for not exceeding 12 additional months.

The regulations covering "sample" copies are treated at length in the report, the postmaster-general concluding with the statement that the publishers, with rare exceptions, have endorsed the position of the department and commended it for the course in pursued.

The attention of Congress is invited to the previous recommendation for a reduction in the rate and an increase in the weight limit for fourth-class matter "in order to remove an unjust discrimination to our own people."

# ELIHU ROOT WILL SUCCEED PLATT

Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff Eliminates Himself from N. Y. Senatorial Race.

MR. TAFT VERY MUCH PLEASED

Says Woodruff Was Moved by Desire To Promote Harmony and Has Earned Gratitude of Republicans.

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 29.—Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the New York Republican state committee, today eliminated himself from the senatorial race in favor of Secy. of State Root. This action was taken after a conference with President-elect Taft and was followed by statements from both Mr. Taft and Mr. Woodruff.

Aside from these statements, each of which concedes the election of Mr. Root to succeed Senator Platt on Jan. 20 next, no details of the conference were made known. Mr. Taft said:

"I can only say that I am much pleased at the attitude that Mr. Woodruff has taken. He has been moved by an earnest desire to promote party harmony and has established his claim to the gratitude of the Republicans of New York, and also of the country at large, for making it as certain as possible that such a statesman as Mr. Root will be chosen to represent that state in the senate."

"I am personally very much pleased, now that I have had to give up my purpose to continue Mr. Root in the cabinet, that if I shall have the support and assistance which he will render to the administration with his great ability and his knowledge of governmental affairs, I am sure from what I know that the action of Mr. Woodruff and the election of Mr. Root will conduce to great harmony among the Republicans in New York and will strengthen the party."

**WOODRUFF'S STATEMENT.**  
Mr. Woodruff's statement follows:

"I have refrained from all public discussion of the United States senatorship and have made no statement as to what my course concerning it will be, both because of the views I hold that the power of the state committee should not be used to further the candidacy of any person against another, and also because I have been awaiting the disposition of all matters left over from the congressional committee, including the preparation and filing of our financial statement, before giving this matter any serious consideration."

"As soon as this work was cleared up I came to Hot Springs at the request of the president-elect. I have learned from him, as it is now definitely determined that he cannot retain Secy. Root's services in the cabinet, he is very desirous, but without interfering in the matter, that his administration shall have the benefit in the senate of the exceptionally valuable assistance which Mr. Root can render by reason of his intimate knowledge of all the important matters with which the government has been concerned, both at home and abroad, during the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations."

"All will doubtless agree with me that every right-minded supporter and well-wisher of Judge Taft should subordinate any personal ambition to whatever may seem to be essential to the complete success of the new administration."

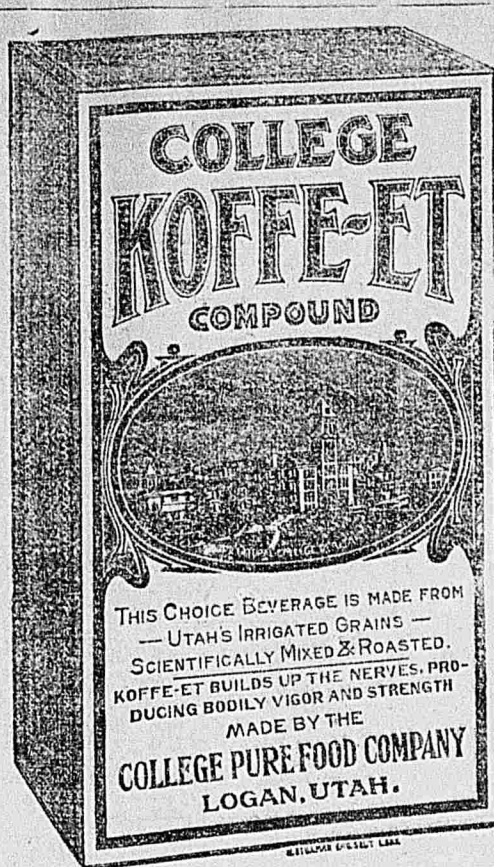
"Furthermore, the unanimous support of Secy. Root by the state organization would unquestionably insure harmonious party action by the state officers and the federal authorities and an impartial consideration of the claims of all of the local organizations in the state, unbiassed by such factional antagonisms as a contest for the senatorship would surely provoke."

"In addition to these considerations, it is of the greatest importance in the Greater City of New York that perfect harmony should prevail in the ranks of the Republican party, especially among the Republican organizations of the city which are arrayed against one another on the senatorship, in order to insure the defeat of Tammany Hall in the municipal election next fall."

"For these reasons I am not, and will not be, a candidate for senator."

Mrs. Taft reached here from New York today. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, who has been at the Taft cottage for several days, left tonight for Washington.

**ROOT'S ELECTION CONCEDED.**  
Albany, N. Y., Nov. 29.—That Secy. of State Elihu Root will be elected by the legislature, on Jan. 20 next, as United States senator to succeed Thomas C. Platt, was practically conceded by politicians tonight, following the an-



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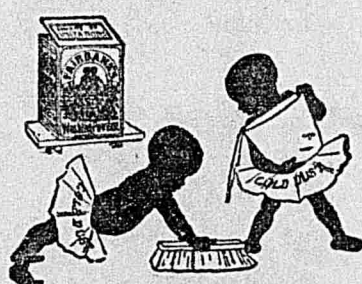
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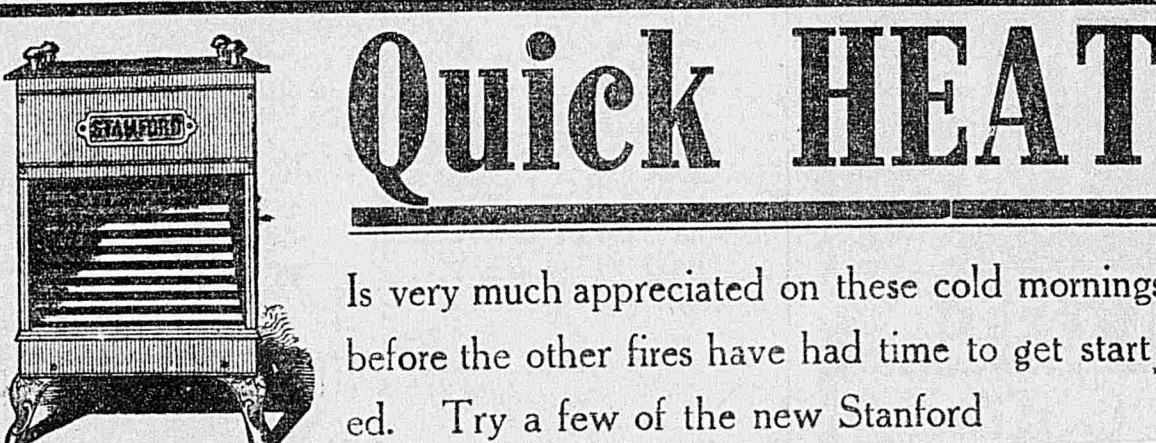
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