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Playwright 1s Married.

Second Report by Commissioner Smith on Tobacco.

## RIVALS STILL FIGHTING

While Concern Has Obtained Control of Many Smaller Plants, Big Outside Firms Are Yet Making Hard Fight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.-Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations, today made public subdivisions II and III of part 1 of his report on the tobacco industry. They deal with the present organization of the to-bacco combination, so-called, its de-gree of control in that industry and

he development of that control. These divisions of the report, resulting from a thorough investigation, into the business operations of the to-bacco combination, contain an elab-orate discussion of the methods by which the manufacture of tobacco, except cigars, has come under the control of a comparatively few capitalists. Commissioner Smith says: "In the tobacco combination are the

American Tobacco Company and its three great subsidiary combinations, the American Snuff Company, the American Cigar Company and the Brit-ish-American Company, Besides \$2 othsubsldiary concerns doing bu in the United States, Porto Rico and Cuba. The combination represents a total net capitalization of over \$316,-000,000. A very small group of ten stockholders controls 60 per cent of the outstanding voting stock of the American Tobacco Company, through which company the entire combination is controlled.

A list of the subsidiary companies controlled, "including over 20 hither-to secretly controlled, so-called "bo-gus independent concerns," is given in the report. It is shown also that the combination is practically the only im-portant expected of the one manufacportant exporter of tobacco manufac-tures from this country. Astonishing figures are given in respect to the development of the combination. In 1891 it controlled 89 per cent of the business of cigarette manufacture, and this proportion practically is main-tained today. In cigars its output in-creased from 4 per cent of the busi-ness in 1897 to 14.7 per cent in 1905; while in manufactured tobacco (chew-ing smoking time cut and smuff) the ing, smoking, fine cut and snuff) the combination's output increased from 7 per cent of the total in 1891 to 77 per cent in 1996. Finally, in 1996, the controlled of thes ate products, respectively, plug 82 per cent, smoking 71 per cent, fine cut 81 per cent and snuff 96 per cent. In the year 1966 the combination used in the manufacture of its various prod-ucts nearly 200,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco

"An idea of the absorption of competing plants," says Commissioner Smith, "and of the changes through combination within the last decade, may be had from vall in the commission.

Special Naval Commission 1897 the combination had eight plants, each producing over 1,000,000 pounds of these products per year, while its com-petitors had 46 such plants. In 1996 the combination had 34 plants of this size and independent concerns only 17. "Despite the combination's enormous expenditures for advertising and in 'schemes,' and despite frequent price-cutting by means of its so-called 'fighting

brands, there has been, in several branches of the industry, a constant ten-dency for competitors to gain business more rapidly than the combination, and thus to reduce its proportion of the out-put. This tendency has been overcome only by continued buying up of competi-tive concerns. Many, weaker concerns have been virtually driven out of busi-ness or forced to sell out to the combineness or forced to sell out to the combina tion, either by reason of the direct com-petition of the latter or as an indirect re suit of the vigorous competition between the combination and larger independent concerns. In the case of the larger and more powerful concerns which it ac-quired, however, the combination has usually secured control only by paying a high price. The immense profits of the combination have enabled it to keep up



Lack of Cash Has Handicapped Commission, but This Has Now Been Overcome.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25. - (Speial.)-In response to a summons from Acting Governor M. E. Hay, the members of the A-Y-P Exposition Commission met in his office today and went over the present status of the buildings and exhibits. The assurance was given the Governor that the state's buildings will be ready for occupancy and exhibits by May 1, and that the exhibits will have been installed be-

exhibits will have been installed be-fore the opening day, June 1. They reported the Washington state building as being about 75 per cent com-pleted and the forestry building about 45 per cent complete. The foundation of the woman's building is laid and the high-way building is about 15 per cent done. The contract for a dairy building to cost \$700 has been let. This is the last build-ing that will be erected by the commis-sion.

Members of the commission assert that they have been handlcapped in their work by a lack of ready cash, but that work by a fack of ready cash, out that this difficulty has been obviated by the recent act of the Legislature, which guarantees interest at 6 per cent on the warrants on the general fund, there now being a large number of applicants to purchase the interest-bearing warrants. Thirty-five out of 37 counties have made appropriations for representation at the fair. With few exceptions each county is

now actively at work collecting its ex-hibits, and in many cases have arranged for an expert to prepare their displays. Harmony and unity of purpose now preant Secretary of the Navy, under whom will approve it.

business principle, based on the fact that success in war is the only return the people and the Nation can get from the Makes Report. nvestment of many millions in a great navy. In asking Congress earnestly to consider In asking congress earliesty to constant the report the President suys these prin-ciples amount to a declaration that the Navy should be treated from the stand-point of the whole country, and that all other considerations should be subordi-mated to keeping it in the highest condi-tion of military afficiency, for it must be ADVISERS FOR SECRETARY tion of military efficiency, for it must be prepared for war or else it is useless, and it cannot be prepared for war unless President Appoints Four Navy Men always in the highest state of milliary and Three From Army to efficiency. The commission will submit a final re Form Plan of Conport to supplement and define the general principles laid down. This the President probably will submit to Congress. stant Defense. SPERRY SOON WILL RETIRE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- The President submitted to Congress today a

message transmitting two preliminary message transmitting two preliminary reports of the commission he appointed to consider the needs of the Navy. The commission recommends an advisory body for the Secretary, declaring that what the Secretary needs above all else is a clear understanding and firm grasp of military conditions.

of military conditions. The commission is unable to report on the subject of navy-yards required by strategic consideration in war time, and for maintenance of a fleet in con-stant readiness for war during peace, owing to the limited time it has avail-

able It recommends that the subject be referred to a joint Army and Navy com-mission, and accordingly the President has appointed Rear-Admiral Mahan, Admiral Sperry and Rear-Admiral Wainwright and Captain Winslow, of the Navy and Major-General Bell and the Navy, and Major-General Bell and Brigadier-Generals Witherspoon and Marshall of the Army to report on the subject

Secretary to Pick Aids.

As regards individual responsibility for advice, it is suggested that the Sec-retary of the Navy nominate to the President of the officer he deems best fitted to guide the great fleet in case of war and that this officer. irrespective of his sen-

lority, should be head of the advisory body. The essential principle in the construct tion of such an advisory body is that the majority should be on the active list, and should go afloat at not infrequent intervals; and, specifically the head of the body, the prospective Commander-In-Chief, should, during the Summer months, command the concentrated battleship force for maneuvers, and target prac-

In these two principal classes into which the duties of the Secretary of the Navy divides, civil and military, the word "civil" corresponds largely to the activities known as technical; and the

report states there is no apparent reason why the same principle of undivided imreport states there is no apparent reason why the same principle of undivided im-mediate responsibility should not be real-ized in the department by having two chief subordinates, responsible, the one for military, the other for technical su-

pervision. The selection of the chief technical as-sistant to the Secretary might be made from the recognized technical experts in the Navy in the bureaus of construction, ordnance or steam engineering, or a com-petent civilian engineer or naval archi-tect may be appointed as Second Assist-

Roosevelt Expected to Name Successor Before March 4.

FORT MONROE, Va., Feb. 25.-Rear-Admiral Charles S. Sperry left tonight for Washington. The impression grows that Admiral Sperry will soon haul down his flug. It is common gossip in the fleet that President Rooseveit

intends to name the next commander in-chief before he retires from office next Thursday.

next Thursday. Admiral Sperry would have little to gain from continuing in command, for the ships are to remain at the Navy-yards until May 47. They will then rendezvous here to remain probably until July 1, before proceeding to the northern drillgrounds off Cape Cod for record target practice in still water. Admiral Sperry retires in September, so there is little in the programme of

the next few months that would cause The storms seem tonight to have abated. Reports of disasters to par-

ties on board the little boats were un-

DISAGREE ON PACIFIC FLEET

Conferees Decide to Keep Marines on Board Ship.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- A partial re WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A partial re-port of the conference on the naval ap-propriation bill was made today, but there remain in disagreement the provisions to keep half the Navy on the Pacific, and the amendment fixing the price that may be paid for colliers. The Senate amendment providing for an investigation of the advisability and necessity of establishing a naval base on the Southern California coast was elim-inated. The House accented the Senate

the Southern California coast was elim-inated. The House accepted the Senate provision requiring the assignment of the Marine Corps to service on battleships. A compromise was made on the provi-sion that no part of the appropriation for the purchase of powder shall be paid to any trust or combination in restraint of trade so as to make the provision ap-ply except in cases of "extraordinary emergency." emergency.

Nebraska to Try Primary.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 25.—By a vote of 20 to 13, the State Senate passed the Humphrey bill, providing for the election of United States Senators on the Oregon plan. The measure has already passed the House and Governor Shallenberger will provide the Ivory Soap 9943/100 Per Cent. Pure.

Denver Headquarters. STATES TO EXPERIMENT Methods of Land-Boomers Denounced and Government Aid Asked-Name Changed and

"This is not militarism; it is a simple Dry Farmers Vote to Have The methods of unscruptions land deal-

Billings Gets Next Meeting. CHEYENNE, Feb. 25.-The last hours of the Dry Farming Congress were given

or the Dry parline consideration of resolutions and the delegates were unanimous in their support of measures tending to en-hance the scope of the congress and aid the development of arid land. The delegates unanimously adopted a resolu-

ion declining to advocate any special nethod of dry farming and favoring the investigation of all methods. After a struggle, in which the name "International Dry Farming Congress"

was advocated by many delegates, the name of the organization was changed to the "Dry Farming Congress" and resoto the "Dry Farming Congress" and reso-lutions were adopted providing for permanent headquarters at Denver, the spread of dry farming information and the gathering of dry farming informa-tion throughout the world. In this latter project, Government assistance is asked.

Ask States to Experiment.

The Legislatures of the Western States ow in session will be urged to pass laws

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ers that have tended to bring dry farm ing districts into disrepute among the home-seeking public were denounced and steps will be taken to counteract the effect of misleading advertisements.

Meet Next at Billings. Billings, Mont., was selected as the

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal., Feb. 25,arlton Russell Foster, the playwright. was married today to Miss Ivy Anderson, of this place. Her father was for-

merly president of the Theosophical So ciety of the Pacific Coast. The weddace of the next meeting, which will be ding took place at St. Marys-by-the-Sea.



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