

CITIZENSHIP BY TELEPHONE RECOMMENDATIONS

taken. It seems to me unwise to attempt it. The amount of information that creeps into arguments pro and con in respect to tariff rates is such that to require the kind of investigation that I have directed the tariff board to make, an investigation undertaken by it wholly without regard to the effect which the facts may have in calling for a readjustment of the rates of duty.

REGULAR ARMY COST CUT \$45,000,000.

All Progress Suspended and Condition Can Be Only Temporary.

In the interest of immediate economy and because of the prospect of a deficit, I have required a reduction in the estimate of the War Department for the coming fiscal year, which brings the total estimates down to an amount of \$45,000,000 less than the corresponding estimates for last year. This would only be a temporary expedient, and the new projects and suspending for a period of all year all progress in military matters. For the same reasons, I have directed that the Army shall not be recruited up to its present authorized strength. These measures can hardly be more than temporary, to last until our revenues are in better condition and until the whole question of the expediency of adopting a definite military policy can be submitted to Congress. For the same reasons, I have directed the military establishment as seriously in need of a general reorganization. The laws regulating the conduct of the military forces in the event of war need to be revised, in order that the organization can be moved so as to be more consistently apportioned throughout its numerous branches.

Special Message Forwarded. To explain the circumstances upon which this opinion is based, I postpone it until the first convenient day, and direct the secretary to send to Congress a special message upon this subject.

The Secretary of War calls attention to a number of needed conditions in the Army, in all of which I concur, but the point upon which I place the most emphasis is the need for an elimination bill providing a method by which the Army can be reduced to some extent upon their advancement and by which the advancement of all may be accelerated by a definite proportion of the least efficient. There are in every Army, and certainly in ours, a number of men who have advanced late their duty in any such way as to give reason for a court-martial or dismissal, who do not show the necessary skill and character for high command and who should be removed from the active service and be promoted to the reserve. It should be made by which they should be retired on a certain percentage of their pay, increasing with the length of service at the time of retirement.

Chesapeake Needs Defense.

The coast defenses of the United States proper are generally well equipped, but the Chesapeake, and in some respects they are rather more elaborate than under present conditions. It is necessary to provide for the defense of the Chesapeake Bay, where it is proposed to make an artificial island for the purpose of anchoring the fleet, and from entering the harbor defended. There is, however, one place where additional defense is badly needed, and that is at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, where it is proposed to make an artificial island for the purpose of anchoring the fleet, and from entering the harbor defended.

Reform in Navy Is Imperative.

Higher Officers Afloat Rank Too Late to Be of Service.

The return of the battleship fleet from its voyage around the world, in most respects a condition than when it started, was a noteworthy event of interest alike to our citizens and the navy. It is a fact that the higher officers are not in the countries which they visited, the marked success of the ships in reaching around the world, and the fact that the scheduled time has increased respect for our Navy and has added to our National prestige.

Navy Reorganization Imperative.

Early in the coming session a comprehensive plan for the reorganization of the officers of all corps of the Navy will be presented to Congress, and I hope it will be with action suited to its urgency.

Director of Astronomy Suggested.

The generosity of Congress has provided in the present naval observatory the most magnificent and expensive astronomical establishment in the world. It is being used for certain naval purposes, which might easily and adequately be subserved by a small division connected with the Navy Department at only a fraction of the cost of the present naval observatory.

LAW'S DELAYS SUGGEST REMEDIES.

Injunction Without Notice Now Subject to Abuse.

Expedition in legal procedure the deplorable delays in the administration of civil

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SILENT UNDER DEATH FEAR.

Coroner Unable to Get Testimony in Girl Murder Case.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Dec. 7.—Word was carried to Coroner Dudley and the members of the Coroner's jury today that a masked man had appeared at the Engberg home last night and warned the family that if the investigation of the death of Goldie Engberg did not stop, there would be another death in the family.

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