

CZAR WILSON MILDEST OF DESPOIS

His Vast Powers Exercised for Good and That Alone —Has Care of Beast and Bird and Largely of Man —Size of His Job.

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Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson is the national policeman. Besides being the learned scientist which the law states the secretary of agriculture must be, and the benevolent farmer which he appears to be, Mr. Wilson in reality exercises more power and authority affecting the 90,000,000 people in the United States than any other man. Last week he issued a proclamation which said that it is exercised only for the benefit of the people.

However, the fact remains that the secretary of agriculture almost absolutely controls the food, meat, drink, and drug supply of the country. Under various laws he can stop interstate traffic in all food and drugs, and vary fees, communities, or people are untouched by commerce of this character. He can quarantine any or all states against diseases of livestock, as he recently did in the case of four states on account of the food and mouth disease of cattle. He can do many other things of a similar character that will affect directly or indirectly the whole people.

Can Insure Wholesome Food.

Some one has speculated upon the damage and trouble that might be caused if some imp of malicious mischief should persuade the secretary of agriculture to use his enormous power capriciously. Luckily, the imp is recalled in such a case that the head of the agricultural department, like all other executive officers of the government, is under the control of the president, while most of his decisions and other acts are subject to the review of the secretary of agriculture. One notable exception to the court review is the secretary's authority over importations of food, drugs, etc., which, it is reported, is soon to be exercised to exclude such articles.

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This power is increased by the law under which quarantine may be enforced against livestock diseases. The secretary of agriculture is enabled to cut off the milk supply of the large cities. He forbids interstate shipments of livestock and the by-products of same after slaughter, as well as hay, straw, and anything else coming in contact with such animals. He compels railroads and steamboat companies to disinfect their cars. He confiscates and kills diseased animals, with or without the consent of their owners.

He does other sanitary police work at home and abroad. This includes the

efforts that have been continuous for a number of years to stamp out the cattle tick in the south and the sheep scab and cattle mange in the west. A number of states have been cleared of these pests. To guard against the spread of cattle disease the secretary of agriculture's agents inspect and certify, or condemn, all livestock imported from abroad or exported from the United States. In this connection the work of the agricultural department extends around the world.

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While inexorable in his attitude toward food products which are not what they should be, and in dealing with diseased animals, the secretary of agriculture is also a sort of humane officer. His agents see to it, for instance, that livestock in transit within the United States or en route to foreign countries are well supplied with water, suitable food, air and, to some extent, light. Animals are not allowed to remain confined in railroad cars longer than 28 consecutive hours, except in certain cases. They are frequently unloaded and given a chance to get exercise and rest before reaching the market.

Some farm crops are under the especially watchful eye of the national policeman. Take cotton, for instance. The secretary of agriculture is doing his best to stamp out from cotton boll weevil at great expense. After the crop is grown he prescribes standards of the various varieties and grades of cotton, which are understood to prevail in the market, although the government is without power to enforce its classification.

Seed Swindlers Checked.

The farmer is certain to get good results of all kinds if he watches the secretary of agriculture. Here, again, is a sample of the great police power lodged in that office. It is the duty of any or all kinds of seeds offered for sale to the farmers. These samples are carefully examined and analyzed, and if vegetable or flower seeds are found mixed and adulterated with weed seed, poisonous shells, or other impurities the hundred or more importers for which agriculturists formerly paid good money, the national policeman, together with the names of dealers from which the impure seeds were purchased.

Efforts are being made by the secretary of agriculture to protect all vespers and brown tail moths in New England. Quarantine regulations to prevent the spread of these and other insect pests within the United States and the importation of new and injurious bugs from abroad are strictly enforced by the secretary. In his police work against insect pests he has turned loose thousands of insect parasites to prey upon the more dangerous varieties.

Grain Standards Maintained.

In the west the secretary of agriculture inspects all kinds of grains and grades them according to their qualities and grades. This enables anybody to know just what he is getting or buying, but the standards are not legal until they are made into laws. For several years attempts have been made to get congress to authorize the secretary of agriculture to inspect and certify grains, but also to forbid shipments of same in interstate and foreign commerce. The secretary from abroad are not adopted or if the grain is sold under false pretenses.

Breeds of livestock are being improved under the secretary's watchful eye. The secretary to certify pure bred animals, whether native or imported. This authority, however, does not extend to interfering with traffic in animals which are not pure bred.

Guardian of the Game.

Domestic animals are not the only animals that come under the protecting wing of the secretary of agriculture's police power. He also guards the game of the country. Experience has proved that state game laws are more or less unsatisfactory. They differ widely and consequently it formerly was not difficult to obtain game killed unlawfully at almost any time of the year. The secretary of agriculture, a few years ago, took charge of the interstate traffic in game under the interstate commerce clause of the constitution. The Lacey act, so called, forbids interstate shipments of game killed in violation of any state game law. This law is expected to have far reaching consequences. Already a number of convictions have been obtained under the law, and others will follow from time to time.

The secretary of agriculture has a number of national reservations where game is allowed to breed unmolested the year around. Fourteen of these are reservations where migratory waterfowl and other game birds are protected from slaughter. It is hoped that this policy will eventually result in restoring the flocks of beautiful wild birds which have become almost extinct under the onslaught of the pot hunter and the poisoner's supply man in Yellowstone Park and other vast tracts of country in Alaska and elsewhere. The secretary of agriculture protects other kinds of game. His police

RIPLEY SCOLD COAST PEOPLE ON FREIGHT RATES

Santa Fe Magnate Says They Are Already Best Off on Earth.

(United Press Landed Wire.)

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 30.—"If there is a people on the face of the globe that should have no complaints to make it is the people of the Pacific coast," declared E. F. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe railroad, in an interview given out on the eve of the proposed mass meetings to be held throughout California to protest against the higher freight rates scheduled to go into effect January 1.

"All this controversy about rates is foolish," declared the magnate. "The present rates between the Pacific coast and the east are the lowest railroad rates in the world. They are constantly complained of by shippers in the interior as being too low and as discriminating against them. Our only defense has been that they were made necessary by water competition, that there was little profit in them, although such rates, applied to all the business of the roads, would speedily bankrupt them."

"The people of this coast are an especially favored class. They get abnormally low rates because of their location. They would not have a leg to stand on in a court before any tribunal either for low rates or for preventing an advance. They have been spoiled by a railroad service that is its efforts to build up the resources of the country has rendered a service out of all proportion to the amount paid for it. It is unequalled in cheapness on the face of the globe."

GEORGE T. EXTON COMMITTS SUICIDE

(United Press Landed Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Harassed by financial difficulties George T. Exton, a local music dealer, shot himself yesterday. A number of relatives of Exton are said to live at San Francisco. On his arrival in Los Angeles today Exton greeted his employees cheerfully. Immediately afterward he went into the basement of his establishment and shot himself.

power in this direction resulted not long ago in breaking up a gang of elk tusk hunters in Yellowstone Park and vicinity, which had been operating for several years.

Forests Are His Care.

Last mentioned, but not least, among the police powers of the secretary of agriculture is his almost absolute control over the nation's forest reserves which have an area of over 152,800,000 acres, or equal to the combined area of the New England states, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Kansas. These reserves vary in size from 480 acres to over 6,000,000 acres each.

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TREASURE IS FAR AWAY FROM FOES

Uncle Sam Cleans Out San Francisco Mint; Coin Goes to Denver.

(United Press Landed Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Uncle Sam has completed the transfer from the local mint to Denver of the enormous sum of \$22,500,000.

The government officials began to remove the coin last August, soon after the fleet left for the orient, and the utmost secrecy was maintained. Special deputies, fully armed, for over three months have been quietly leaving San Francisco on almost every train going east, carrying in Wells-Fargo strong boxes consignments of the treasure. Now the gold is so far away from any seaboard that it would be practically impossible for any foreign force to reach it in time of war. The action of the government in moving the money was simply precautionary.

Want Oregon Advertising.

Although five tons of advertising pamphlets concerning Oregon have been sent east by General Passenger Agent McMurray of the Harriman lines in Portland, a telegram was received yesterday from the headquarters at Omaha, asking for 10,000 additional pieces of such printed matter for distributive work. The quantity of material asked for shows the great anxiety to know about Oregon that is found throughout the east and middle west.

SISTER STATES WILL UNITE

Oregon and Washington Combine to Fight New Transcontinental Rates.

(United Press Landed Wire.)

As a preliminary to the commencement of formal suit to block the increase in freight rates to and from the Pacific coast, a meeting of the railroad commissioners of Oregon and Washington, and the large shippers and jobbers of Portland, was held in the office of J. N. Peal, attorney for the jobbers, Monday afternoon.

The meeting was merely for discussion of the subject and no final conclusion was reached because of the many phases and features of the proposed increase. The meeting lasted about two hours and after discussing as many of the features of the new tariff as possible an adjournment was had to some date early next week in this city.

Those at the meeting were H. A. Fairchild of the Washington state commission, Commissioners Atchison, West and Campbell of the Oregon commission, J. N. Peal, attorney for the Portland wholesalers, and A. H. Devers, A. L. Lewis, Samuel Meares, Henry Hann and Edward Newsham.

It is the purpose of the meetings to secure concerted action by the states of Washington and Oregon to prevent an increase of the freight rates. Under the Oregon law the state commission is authorized to call the attention of the interstate commission to what are alleged unfair increases in rates.

It is possible that the California

wholesalers will unite with those of Oregon and Washington in bringing the matter before the interstate commerce commission.

Notaries Commissioned.
(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—Commissions as notaries have been issued to G. A. Stock, Cove; Wilson M. Barnette, Wasco; I. E. Thompson, Portland; Kirk Whitely, Redmond, and A. N. Robinson, Falls City.

Stearns Strike Ended.
(United Press Landed Wire.)
Salem, Ky., Dec. 30.—The strike of the miners here is practically ended, 30 per cent of the miners returning to work.

EXCURSION

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, "The North Bank Road," has authorized the sale of round trip tickets at a very low rate during the holidays. The tickets are sold on basis of one and one third of the one way fare for the round trip. Sale dates are December 23, 24, 25 and 31 and January 1, 1909. The return limit is January 1, 1909, sufficient to give patrons along the line of "The North Bank Road" an opportunity to visit summer homes and families over the holidays. Concession is made between all points 250 miles or less apart. For tickets and farther car reservations, call at City Ticket Office, 3d and Morrison sts., and 121 1/2 st. Trains leave Portland, 11th and Hoyt st. station. Take "S" car.

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