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The late General Gordon firmly believed the Coco de Mer to be the forbidden fruit, and the Seychelles islands to be the site of the Garden of Eden. This idea was so firmly fixed in his mind that he caused soundings to be taken of the surrounding sea, for the purpose of tracing the courses of the four rivers, and the results confirmed him in his belief.

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#### Between Neighbors.

"That thermometer I bought is a fraud. It hasn't brought on no extraordinary weather." "You've got the wrong idea. Peleg. A thermometer won't act like a lightning rod."

#### Ungrateful Baby.

When a man brings his baby down town, and does the best he can for it, it makes him feel funny when the baby sets up a yell and says: "I want mamma!"

#### Quite So.

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## NATIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### ONE-CENT POSTAGE COMING

Hitchcock Sanguine in Light of Decrease in Postal Deficit.

Washington—With the postal deficit for the fiscal year, ended June 30 last, reduced \$1,500,000, Postmaster General Hitchcock now makes a prophecy of one-cent letter postage and a self-sustaining postal service. The compilation of the figures showing the reduction was completed recently at the Postoffice department.

The deficit of the previous fiscal year was \$17,600,000, so that in one year the deficit was reduced to \$6,100,000.

In commenting upon the saving of \$11,500,000 last year, Postmaster General Hitchcock said:

"This tremendous saving was made without curtailment of the postal facilities in any direction. On the contrary, there were many important extensions."

"The department's policy is to extend the service as rapidly as warranted by increasing population, and to accomplish its savings, not by the curtailment of postal facilities, but by handling in a more systematic manner the constantly expanding volume of mail."

The tables indicate that more than 1,500 new postoffices were established in the last fiscal year. Great extensions were made in the rural delivery system, 515 new routes, with a total mileage of 12,235, being put into operation.

There were appointed from the civil service list over 1,800 postoffice clerks to enlarge the working forces of city postoffices, and more than 1,000 additional letter carriers. The railway mail service was strengthened by the appointment of about 750 new employees.

The tables show also that the department made liberal increases in the compensation of old employees. Salaries of postoffice clerks were advanced in the aggregate \$1,750,000, while the aggregate salaries of letter carriers were increased \$1,226,000. Railway mail clerks received increases amounting to almost \$250,000.

Mr. Hitchcock explained that all increases in compensation were based upon a system of efficiency ratings adopted by the department a little more than a year ago. He says the system has had a highly beneficial effect on this service.

"This hearty co-operation," he said, "I expect to be continued through this and future years, with the result that we shall have a self-sustaining postal service and one-cent letter postage."

### CENSUS INCREASE SHRINKS.

Cumulative Reports Show Gain of 14.9 Per Cent in Decade.

Washington—The census recapitulation bulletin issued Thursday gives the names of states and cities for which the census returns have been published up to October 20.

The states are Rhode Island, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Delaware, Vermont and Massachusetts. Their aggregate population was 10,898,272, an increase of 14.9 per cent as against an increase of 18.1 per cent during the decade previous.

Forty-three cities of more than 100,000 population and 159 cities of between 25,000 and 100,000 are given.

Commenting upon the facts presented, the bulletin says:

"With the data for both groups of cities approaching completeness, it is notable that the smaller cities as a group seemed to have maintained during the decade of 1900 to 1910 a rate of growth considerably above that maintained by the larger cities, the rate for the aggregate population of the smaller cities being 39.3 per cent and that for the larger 30.1.

"In the decade of 1890 to 1900 the increase of the smaller cities in the aggregate was 33.2 per cent and the larger 32.1 per cent.

"The returns for all of the cities which in 1900 were in the 100,000 and over class have been received, except from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minneapolis and Memphis. Seattle, Wash., which will go into the 100,000 and over class, had not reached that figure ten years ago.

### 'Rate Rehearing Refused.

Washington—A rehearing of the Mississippi river rate cases was refused by the Supreme court of the United States. As a result the order of the Interstate Commerce commission reducing the class rates between Mississippi river crossings and Missouri river points on freight originating at Atlantic seaboard points, will go into effect.

### Forest Fire Rewards Out.

Washington—Rewards have been offered by the secretary of agriculture for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who through malice or carelessness set fires within the boundaries of national forests.

### PEARY IS NOT AT WORK.

Ten Year's Leave of Absence From Navy Has Expired.

Washington—Although his absence has expired, Captain Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, did not report for duty as a civil engineer in the navy. Acting Secretary Winthrop said that it had not yet been decided to what work Captain Peary would be assigned.

Captain Peary has been on leave of absence for ten years under an understanding that he was to devote his time to Arctic explorations. He has not applied for further extension, and it is assumed by the Navy department that he is now ready to return to active duty. He was recently promoted to the rank of captain through the retirement of a senior officer.

Department officials have unearthed and old history in which the claim is made that the North Pole was discovered in 1360 by a friar of Oxford. It is called "A New Naval History, or Complete Review of the British Marine," and was published by John Entick in London, 1757. One of its musty pages the following paragraph appears:

"In the year 1360 it is recorded that a friar of Oxford, called Nicholas De-Lipna, of Lynn, being a good astronomer, went in company with others to the most northern island of the world, and there, leaving his company together, he traveled alone and made draughts of all those northern parts with the indrawing seas, which, at his return, he presented to the king of England. It is added that he went to the North Pole by his skill in magic, or the black art; but this magic black art may probably have been nothing more than a knowledge of the magnetic needle or compass, found out about 60 years before, though not in common use until many years later."

### FOREST PROTECTION AIM.

Government Departments Will Give Matter Unusual Attention.

Washington—In view of the enormous damage done by forest fires during the past summer, the protection of forests will receive unusual attention from all government bureaus having to do with their control and management, and congress itself is likely to take a hand. In a letter he recently wrote to Governor Hay, of Washington, Secretary Ballinger made this observation:

"A subject of very great importance is the prevention and control of forest fires, both as relates to the public domain and to state lands; also to the protection of private interests. My observation has been that a large percentage of forest fires is the result of fires started by railroad locomotives passing over the Cascade mountains. In my travels this summer through California, I was impressed with the fact that railroads using oil for fuel in their locomotives are free from criticism in this respect.

"I do not believe that the installation of spark-arresters will accomplish any beneficial result, but the railroads should be required to clean up their rights of way so as to prevent the recurrence of fires from this source, and until so prepared, should be compelled to maintain a sufficient patrol to extinguish fires set by locomotives, and also should be required to burn the slashings at seasonable periods under state supervision. The lumbering interests in our state ought to be keenly interested in progressive legislation along this line."

### Heart Disease Toll Big.

Washington—Heart disease ranked second only to tuberculosis of the lungs as the principal cause of death in 1909 among the gainfully employed male persons in the United States death registration area, according to figures issued by the census officers.

The percentage of deaths caused by heart disease was 11.9, being highest among men employed in domestic and personal service, during age periods from 25 to 54, but between the latter age and 64 greater among men engaged in agricultural pursuits than in any other of the official five classes of occupations.

### Fight Made for Values.

Washington—Secretary MacVeagh had a conference with Assistant Secretary Curtis and Chairman Emery and James D. Reynolds, of the tariff board. Frederick Achenbach, the Treasury department's confidential agent at Berlin, also was present. The general subject of undervaluations was discussed. Mr. MacVeagh expects the tariff board to be his principal weapon in the fight for full valuations.

### Colored Men for Federal Jobs.

Washington—President Taft has determined to appoint William H. Lewis, a negro, to be assistant attorney general of Hawaii, and Charles H. Cotteril, also colored, to be collector of customs at Honolulu, according to information at the White House. Cotteril is now assistant district attorney at Boston.

### KEEP THE CLOSETS CLEAN

Point of Importance That is Too Frequently Overlooked by the Busy Housewife.

Usually there are about the house closets so dark that except at the yearly or semi-yearly housecleaning it is impossible to tell whether or not they are dirty. They are breeders of disease, even in the best-managed households, for no maid and few mistresses will crawl into the dark hole under the stairs or back in the kitchen after perfectly invisible dust.

One solution of the problem is to paint these closets white, ceiling, floor and walls. It is easy enough to see dirt then, and the other and more useful contents of the closet as well. If one can keep the hall closet clean and find the family overshoe on sight, simply by painting the closet white, then by all means let us hasten to the paint shop and remove the obsolete and horrible wall paper that usually incumbers these germ hotels.

If the closet is still dark after this treatment try cleaning with the aid of the electric flash light. There is no danger of fire and corners can be closely investigated. All of which is an advantage to the housewife who does not love dirt and disorder.

But always, when cleaning day comes, consider first the closets and, most important of all of these is the sloping, dark, neglected closet under the stairs.

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