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\$250,000 RECOVERED IN PHILADELPHIA SUGAR CASES

Treasury Announces There Will Be No Prosecutions of Refiners,

Nearly \$250,000 has been recovered by the government from Philadelphia sugar companies as the result of the investigation into the sugar frauds. The entire shortage has been made good, and since no criminal intent on the part of officials of the company has been found there will be no prosecutions

This announcement was made by Acting Secretary of the Treasury Curtis following a conference on the subject with Attorney General Wickersham. In a statement it was said the investigations into these frauds, which have been conducted for more than a year by the two departments, are now at an

The investigations, which went back over the records for seventeen years, disclosed claims against the Philadelphia sugar companies for losses to the customs revenues, which were caused for the most part by the short weighing of imported raw sugar and by illegal collections of drawbacks upon exportations of sirupa.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Sealed proposals will be received the trustees of the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Far-view, Pa., for the following items: One team of horses, wagon, one set of harness combs. brushes, netting, 75 bushets of oats, 2 tons of hay, one plow, one harrow, and other farm implements, one stone crusher, engine, screens, bins and roller. Detailed information be received on application the Superintendent, Dr. Fitzsim-mons. All proposals must be in the hands of the Trustees not later than August 21, 1912, the Trustees re-serving the right to reject any or all

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These claims have been settled by payments into the treasury and by releases. The W. J. McCahan Sugar Refining company paid \$100,000, the Franklin Sugar Refining company paid \$124,386 and a release from liabilities arising from excess collections of countervailing duties on sugars imported at Philadelphia and New York amounting to \$22,000.

The Franklin Sugar Refining company included in its settlement the claims against itself and the Spreckels Sugar Refining company, both companies having operated virtually as one under the so called trust.

The findings of the grand jury failed to show evidence that the officers or directors of any of the company or any of the higher officials in the customs service were participants in the frauds or that there was any bribery of government weighers. The frauds are accounted for largely because of lax dis-

This, according to the treasury department statement, made it possible for the refinery employees to get the better of the government agents. Possibilities for such further irregularities have been eliminated. The methods of weighing sugar will be improved by the installation of automatic electric

BILL TO CUT LIVING COST.

Representative Levy Would Use Money In National Treasury.

Representative Levy of New York, Democrat, has introduced a bill in the last was \$1,653,354,934 as against \$1,house authorizing the secretary of the treasury to use at his discretion the moneys in the treasury in the general fund to reduce the tariff on articles of general consumption and so reduce the cost of living. There was a surplus in the fund of more than \$125,000,000, Mr. Levy declared, which would be augmented by the sale of Panama canal bonds until that amount would be more than doubled.

"No nation, however vigorous and may be," he said, "can long endure such a drain. A full and overflowing treasury excites the cupidity of every one whose business it is to promote en-

terprises requiring famic money. With a safe and reasonable surplus in the treasury there would be no incentive for a raid upon it."

The bill was referred to the ways and means committee.

CAPTAIN H. E. BIXBY'S DEATH.

Was Oldest Pilot on Mississippi. Taught Mark Twain How to Steer. Captain H. E. Bixby, who was the oldest pilot on the Mississippi river and who taught Mark Twain how to pilot

a steamboat, died recently in St. Louis. He was an intimate friend of the late Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). and he often told how he taught him to work the wheel in the pilothouse. Mark Twain in several of his stories referred to Captain Bixby's ability to stem the tide.

During the civil war Bixby was confidential pilot for Commodores Foote and Davies of the Federal fleet, and he boasted that it was on his advice that Commodore Davies went into the battle of Memphis and turned apparent defeat into a victory.

FIND PREHISTORIC BONES.

Yale Scientists See Traces of Tigers and Mammoths In Texas,

Professor Richard S. Sull, head of the Yale anthropological expedition which has been on a researching trip in Texas, declared his party had discovered bones of prehistoric camels, mammoths, a saber tooth tiger and a diminutive two toed horse.

These animals, according to Professor Sull, roved over Texas in vast numbers ten to twenty million years ago. He added that the Texas plains in that remote age were covered with crost and had a large rainfall.

The discoveries are being treated with preservatives. Among the "finds" are the jaw and tooth of a lion and tusk of a mammoth.

LAST DEBT COL. ASTOR PAID.

Mrs. Archibald Forbes Sends It to Titanic Memorial Fund.

The last debt paid by Colonel John Jacob Astor will help to build the memorial in Washington to the men who died when the Titanic went down. Mrs. Archibald Forbes of New York

has forwarded to the officers of the Woman's Titanic memorial the dollar bill that was handed to her by Colonel Astor when the party of which they were members settled up for the last bridge game played in the social saloon before the Titanic plunged to her

Mrs. Forbes' letter, which was forwarded to Mrs. John Hays Hammond by Mrs. Thomas J. O'Brien, wife of the American ambassador at Rome. sets forth the fact that the inclosed dollar represents the only money she has ever won at cards. She adds that when Colonel Astor handed over the crisp piece of paper he made some jesting remark about the luck of beginners. Mrs. Forbes' luck held, for a few hours later she was safe on the Carpathia.

UNCLE SAM'S FOREIGN TRADE KEEPS INCREASING.

Imports, \$1,653,354,934; Exports, \$2,-204,322,409.

According to a statement of the bureau of statistics, the total value of imports into the United States in the it instead of Edgar Harding, and disfiscal year which ended on June 30 527,226,105 for the fiscal year ended

June 30, 1911. Exports from the United States for the fiscal year amounted to \$2,204,322,-409 as against \$2,049,320,199 for the previous year. The balance of trade in favor of the United States for the fiscal year was therefore \$550,968,000 as compared with \$522,004,144 in the

fiscal year 1911. Continental Europe in the last fiscal year sent us \$819,585,326 in imports however great its recuperative powers as compared with \$768,167,760 in 1911. The exports in the fiscal year to continental Europe were \$1,341,732,789 as

compared with \$1,308,275,778 in 1911.

The imports from North American countries in 1912 amounted to \$334. 072,039 and the exports to \$516,837, 671. There was a noticeable increase in the export trade with Asia. It jumped from \$85,422,428 in 1911 to \$117,461,561 in the fiscal year ended June 30 last. There was also an encouraging increase in the export trade with South America. It increased from \$108,894,894 to \$132,310,451.

HER WALK PSYCHOLOGICAL.

Woman Tramps From New York to Chicago to Prove Certain Theories.

Mrs. Clara Mitchell has just com pleted a walk from New York to Chicago, made as a psychological experi-She had ideas different from ment. certain pedestrians regarding the number of miles to be traveled each day,

diet and other things. Mrs. Mitchell said three theories had been proved by the trip-first, that physical endurance does not depend on diet or muscle; second, that the power of intuition is a safeguard and a guide and, third, that motor action ceases to be effort when it becomes a

habit. "There was not one unpleasant experience during the trip," said Mrs. Mitchell, "When noon arrived my intuition would guide me to a house where I would be welcomed and caused me to shun places where I might have met with a rebuff. The walk proved my three theories to my satisfaction and was a successful experiment from a psychological standpoint."

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

My name is Arietta Hope. I consist of 400 pages, with a good deal on a page. I am of two kinds, printed matter and girl. The girl part is beroine and the paper part is book. But since the heroine part is the living half 1 consider myself Arietta Hope.

My maker is a woman of thirty-five, an age at which one may be expected to have attained to a correct knowl edge of her sex. Yet since she did not issue me under her own name, but the assumed name of a man, Edgar Harding, she is not only unknown to those who have read me, but unless she is betrayed by certain feminine traits displayed in me she is supposed to be Marceline. When my maker had finished me she sent me the round of publishers through the express companies, so that she did not make herself known to them. However, she requested as an especial favor that they would send her the criticisms of their "readers," these persons being employed to read manuscripts and report to the publisher whether each in their opinion would be a profitable book for them to publish. The publishers usually paid very little attention to my maker's request, though a few did. These criticisms were almost always where the "reader" had made some facetious remark about the story. The first one my maker received was as follows:

"Mr. Harding has written a long story purporting to portray a woman. The author must have written the book with a mirror before him. Whether he has portrayed himself or not is not apparent, but certain it is that he has painted a man in petticoats. Arietta Hope gives every evidence of having been constructed by one of the male sex. I would decline it.'

Long after the receipt of the criticism my maker made the acquaintance of this critic and found him to be a young man still in his 'teens.

My maker, having spent two years upon me, at the same time studying different women from whom she drew certain feminine traits which she instilled into me, was much discouraged. If the representative of a prominent publishing house had mistaken her heroine for a petticoated man, what a dreadful failure she must have made! She put me in a closet and looked me up with the intention of never taking me out again. But some one told her that Dodson & Co. were booking for novels-not of the flashy type, but studies of character-and she decided to submit me to them. So I was sent by express, a letter going by mail begging the firm to give her some idea of the merits and demerits-especially the latter-of the story. The manuscript was returned to her, accompanied by a letter, in which the writer courteously explained to her that more than 90 per cent of the novels published were read by women. Women required stories that showed the feminine touch. Mr. Harding had shown high literary excellence, but he had not succeeded in

portraying a woman. My maker determined that when she sent me out again she would adopt a feminine nom de plume. She made a new title page, with Edith Granger on patched me to the Parkington Publishing company. She was again successful in eliciting a courteous reply, which included the reader's report. It was as follows:

"The author has given a picture of a woman who iş sure to antagonize her own sex. Arietta Hope is altogether too feminine for a heroine. In reading about her we would surmise, did we not know to the contrary, that she had been drawn by a man, so many of those volatile traits common to women are found in her-traits that men love to ridicule."

"Good gracious!" exclaimed my maker when she read this "Then I've jumped from the frying pan into the

My maker determined upon one more effort, and if that failed she was resolved to burn me. She sent me to Littleton Brothers. Within a few days she received a letter from the firm stating bluntly that they would not care to publish me at their own risk. but if she would pay the cost of publication they would put their imprint on the title page of the book, publishing it as their own.

My maker having all a woman's curiosity, desiring to discover who was right about the book, accepted the conditions. She sent the publishers a check, and they published me.

I was a long while getting before the public, but I succeeded in the end. Certain men recommended me because they said I was a man's woman, and certain women spoke well of me because they said I was a woman's woman. This at last gave me a start. and as I pleased both men and women I took in all there was except the children. Anyway, I kept growing and growing in popular favor till I was pronounced what publishers call "phenomenal."

Littleton Brothers were very angry because they must pay a larger royalty than usual, having published me for my author instead of themselves. Nev. ertheless, they made a fortune out of me, and when congratulated on their foresight they look wise and say nothtinues. My næker has built a country place, where she has retired, spending much of her time in declining requests of publishers that she write for them.

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