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Example For Federal Commissions.
The numerous and varied commissions sent out by the general government to perform special tasks might learn a valuable lesson in economy from the anthracite commission, which made a remarkably good showing in the matter of expenditures.

Although the commission was in existence five months to a day and in almost continuous session, the expense for salaries and per diem compensation was only \$18,000. But three of the commissioners, however, drew salaries. General Wilson, Judge Gray, Mr. Parker and Colonel Carroll D. Wright, having salaries as government officials, drew no salaries for their services on the commission. E. B. Clark, Bishop Spalding and Thomas H. Watkins were paid each \$4,000 and the per diem of \$15 each. The other commissioners and the two assistant recorders also received the per diem of \$15. Two stenographers received \$8 a day.

Payments for special trains when the commission made inspections of the mines and breakers were made out of the per diem sum. The stenographers, who took the statements of 565 witnesses, received about \$2,000, as they were permitted to furnish duplicate copies of the testimony to outsiders, for which they made special charges, and from which they received over \$20,000. They were willing to do the government work very cheaply. There were many small items of expense for messengers, janitors, notaries, clerks of courts and similar items of outgo.

In all the commission cost the government the modest sum of \$38,000, or \$12,000 less than congress appropriated to defray all the expenses. At the time when \$50,000 was voted it was regarded as a rather small appropriation for the undertaking. The record of the coal commission in this regard is in favorable contrast with the expense accounts of the usual government commissions and congressional junketing committees.

Silk Culture in America.
In the last fiscal year the United States imported \$42,635,351 worth of raw silk for manufacturing and at the same time imported \$32,640,242 worth of manufactured silks. It goes without saying that if this \$75,000,000 worth of imported silk could have all been made in the United States it would have been an immense benefit to the country. While it is hardly to be expected that we will ever produce in this country all the silk we use, at least not for some generations, Secretary Wilson is doing commendable work in opening the way for producing here some portion of it.

Under the direction of the department of agriculture a colony of Italians in Georgia has set out 25,000 mulberry trees, and another colony is on the way to this country bound for South Carolina, where a general distributing station will be established, from which thousands of mulberry cuttings will be sent out. Three steam reeler have been ordered to be set up in different places most accessible to silk producers. Bulletins have been issued by the department, and requests for mulberry strips and eggs are received at the rate of forty to fifty a day.

Secretary Wilson says that his department's efforts to promote the silk industry are meeting with gratifying success, though this is only a small beginning. The purpose of the department is chiefly to give employment to the idle members of families to whom \$60 or \$100 a year from the culture of silkworms would prove a gratifying increase of income. In the south, where the climatic conditions are especially advantageous for silk culture, there is plenty of such labor among the colored women and children. Secretary Wilson's project is a good one and should in reasonable time result in greatly lessening our silk imports.

A disorderly stomach may cause no end of trouble. When the stomach fails to perform its functions the bowels become deranged, the liver and kidneys congested, causing numerous diseases, the most fatal of which are painless and therefore the more to be dreaded. The important thing is to restore the stomach and liver to a healthy condition, and for this purpose no better preparation can be used than Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by A. M. Jessor and O. R. Oramor, apr.

Increase In Domestic Trade.

If domestic commerce may be taken as the gauge of prosperity, we may infer from some figures furnished by the treasury bureau of statistics that we are still in the era of good times, with no prospect of the tide turning in the opposite direction. The February summary of internal commerce, just issued, shows a general improvement in domestic trade movements over conditions at the corresponding date last year. In live stock, in movements of wheat and flour, in movements of corn and in traffic on the great lakes the figures showing present conditions indicate a decided advance over those of the corresponding date last year.

For instance, in live stock the traffic operations at five western centers amounted during February to 47,151 cars, having advanced from 41,387 cars in February, 1902, and 41,933 cars in February, 1901. For the two months ending with February this year 90,202 cars were reported compared with 88,237 cars to the end of February, 1902, and 88,497 cars for the first two months of 1901.

Receipts of wheat at eight interior markets to the end of February for the current crop year are reported as amounting to 201,500,288 bushels. A year ago the receipts were 185,320,746 bushels and for an equal period in 1901 a total of 163,185,469 bushels. There has therefore been a progressive increase during these three seasons in the volume of grain received at these interior centers.

At the north Atlantic seaboard receipts of grain, including flour reduced to bushels, at Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore are reported as amounting to 19,172,639 bushels in February, 1903, compared with 10,750,789 bushels in February, 1902, making a gain of 8,421,750 bushels.

In southern territory port receipts of cotton to the end of February this year amounted to 6,590,889 bales in contrast with 6,408,516 bales last season and 5,865,063 bales in the preceding season.

Similarly gratifying figures are shown by the treasury bureau's report in other branches of the country's internal commerce, all of which indicates that Uncle Sam's people are doing a pretty thriving business with each other.

Venezuela and Castro.

Having received his "vote of confidence" from the Venezuelan government, President Castro remains at the helm for the present in the little South American republic. Whether there was good reason for a test of his strength in that way is a question. But that the congress acted wisely in declining to accept the resignation seems certain. The main point is to carry out the arrangements to which the country under President Castro's leadership is now committed and thus bring the republic into full communication again with the outside world. Any change in or interruption of that programme would be undesirable.

Venezuela was, therefore, wise in not swapping horses while crossing the stream, even though Castro may not possess all the statesmanlike qualities that could be desired in the president of a self governing state.

While Castro is accused of being something of an adventurer and believed by many to be more actuated by selfish interests than love of country, it must be admitted that he conducted the affairs of his country in this critical emergency with no little skill and tact, showing especial wisdom in committing the Venezuela case to so able a counselor as Minister Bowen and accepting the results of his diplomatic negotiations.

Some interesting figures have been brought out by the counting of the \$286,474,250.02 in the United States treasury in New York. In the gold vault, where there is more than \$200,000,000 of gold coin, about the sides of the vault rise five tiers of steel boxes,

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An Ohio man purchased a cemetery lot and a tombstone, arranged with an undertaker to bury him and then committed suicide. This was much more thoughtful and considerate than the average suicide, who usually fires away and leaves his friends to clean up the mess.

A bill passed by one branch of the South Carolina legislature undertakes to prohibit employees in cotton and woolen factories from engaging in sympathetic strikes. It is not explained how the South Carolina legislators propose to compel men to work if they choose not to do so.

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