

**NEW MILITARY POSTS.**

Action of the Senate, and the Home Military Report.

**CHANCES FOR BRITISH INVASION.**

How Foreign Troops Might be Massed Upon Our Border.

**IN TIME OF PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR**

How Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago, and Other Large Cities are Exposed.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Some time ago the house committee on militia made a report, in which the chairman, Mr. Cutting, introduced some statements of a sensational character, in view of the then strained relations existing between this country and Great Britain over the Behring sea controversy. Mr. Cutting made the remarkable statement that Great Britain was able to place, within forty days, an army of 100,000 men in the midst of the great wheat producing section of this country. He elaborated this statement with the greatest detail, showing just where the British soldiers would be drawn from, and where they would be concentrated so as to be ready to strike at Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and within easy reach of Chicago and other large cities. Mr. Cutting's statements were so remarkable that part of them are given verbatim. He said: "Great Britain, if uninterrupted, could place within forty days an army of 100,000 men in the midst of the great wheat producing section of our country. She has in India, according to the latest advices, 72,408 English soldiers, and the native Indian regular army of 109,000 infantry, 21,700 cavalry, 2,000 artillery and 1,411 British officers. For the service of these she has there 10,336 horses and 318 field guns. From Calcutta to Vancouver via Singapore, steaming at about thirteen knots an hour and allowing one day's stop at Singapore and Yokohama for coaling, twenty-eight days is all that is required. For the rail journey from Vancouver to Winnipeg, allowing margins for delays, the time would not exceed eight days, making in all thirty-six days. At the end of which time an army of veteran troops from India, English troops in part, and partly native with English officers, can be moving on Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis." He entered into detail respecting the dangers of such invasion, and showed how difficult it would be for this government, under such circumstances, to feed its own troops when the wheat fields of Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba should be in the hands of the same nation which now controls the output of the wheat crop of India. In addition to the wheat fields, the lumber regions and the ore beds of the northwest, the entire output of which would be controlled by an army of occupation moving from Winnipeg south into the United States and thus cutting the Northern Pacific railroad, Great Britain would, by means of her light-draft gunboats, have control of the great lakes and thus have an uninterrupted water communication, except when the ice of winter prevented, between the left wing of the army of occupation of the northwest resting at Duluth and the right wing of the army of the northwest with its right resting probably on lake Erie. This army would be composed of the troops of the home garrisons in the united kingdom and of levies from Bermuda and Jamaica and all the militia and volunteers of Canada." But little was said concerning the matter at the time, but the senate committee has now acted favorably upon the proposition to establish two additional military posts on the northern frontier, to be determined by the secretary of war. One of them will probably be on Lake Champlain. The other, it is expected, will be put somewhere on Puget sound. It is not the intention of those who have most strongly favored the project that extensive fortresses shall be built, but merely that the posts shall be at available points where troops can be quickly distributed to various points along the frontier at short notice. It is the opinion of Gen. Schofield, and many military experts, that if England should ever declare war upon the United States the immediate points of attack would be along the Canadian frontier in New York, Vermont and New Hampshire. The proposition has received the unanimous approval of the senate committee and will be introduced as a proposed amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill.

**The Governor's Busy Day.**

CHICAGO, May 3.—Gov. Fifer has to decline meeting a distinguished guest from Philadelphia, today in Chicago, as he says: "I have a very important engagement with 1,235 republicans who are coming to Springfield, to nominate a candidate for governor. I am informed that a large number of the aforesaid republicans will be here on the 3d, and so

you see I cannot consistently accept your kind and cordial invitation." It will be conceded that the company at such a time of 1,235 Illinois republicans, all full of business, is likely to render a conscientious governor reasonably free from ennui; to prevent that feeling of restlessness, that depression of spirits, born of solitude. So while the governor may well regret his inability to meet Mr. Childs in the mild spring weather of this beautiful May morning, at least there may be tender associations formed at Springfield that will be a source of gladness to him. One never can tell what may happen on an occasion of this sort.

**Hunting the Fugitive.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Advices this morning from San Andreas, the scene of Saturday's attempted stage robbery and tragedy state that the country is being thoroughly explored for the desperado who did the shooting. Upon an investigation based on reports from San Andreas, Wells, Fargo & Co. will determine what further action is necessary to bring the murderer within the clutches of the law. Early yesterday morning a man passed May's place, about six miles from San Andreas. His presence was made known by the barking of a dog on the ranch. It is believed that the early morning wanderer was Saturday's fugitive, and that he is making for Amador county. All bridges are guarded and sheriffs' posses are guarding all points of escape. Detective Hume will join in the search, and bloodhounds will probably be used. A reward of \$2000 is said to have been offered by the uncle of the dead girl.

**Dr. Parkhurst's Crusade.**

NEW YORK, May 3.—The single handed crusade of Rev. Dr. Parkhurst has perhaps come to an end. To the suggestion of his critics that he should have delegated such an uneasy task to another he vigorously answers that he loathes it and loathes the craven spirit that prompts it. "If it was vicious in me to visit those places myself," he says, "it would have been equally vicious, with an added element of damnable cowardice, to get some one to do it for me. No such system of ethics as that," he adds, "has either the moral vigor or the intellectual acumen to bore into the heart of existing corruption." If interest shall quickly subside, if public curiosity shall soon be sated, if the people shall cease to discuss the laches of the police, there will follow a relapse into the old condition and the sacrifices of Dr. Parkhurst will have been made in vain.

**Rally for the Canal.**

ALBANY, N. Y., May 3.—When it was reported that Governor Flower would veto the \$540,000 canal improvement bill, great consternation followed among the grain merchants, and an immense pressure has been brought to bear to prevent the veto. Nearly every one maintains the appropriation is very essential, and is needed much more this year because there was no appropriation last year, the bill having died in the deadlock. If the governor vetoes this bill senators and assemblymen will feel as though it is no use trying to get a canal bill through the legislature during the next two years. But the best informed people feel sure Governor Flower is too good a statesman to veto these bills, although it has been intimated he would do so.

**A Lady Among the Delegates.**

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 3.—Miss Emma Schult and Mrs. Fedilia Elliott, of this city, are candidates for the position of delegate to the republican national convention at Minneapolis, and one of them is certain to be elected, in the county convention tomorrow. Miss Schult is a woman of some means, and a member of the women's republican league of this state. Mrs. Elliott, whose husband is a blacksmith, is a life insurance agent, and accounted a shrewd, successful business woman. She holds an official position in the league.

**Another Fatal Theatre Fire.**

LEADVILLE, Colo., May 2.—Last night a fire, which started on the stage of Loeb's variety theatre, destroyed that structure and half a block on State street. There were a number of narrow escapes. One woman and a child were burned to death. Loss, \$24,000.

**Deeming the Demon.**

MELBOURNE, May 2.—The jury in the Deeming case has returned a verdict of guilty, and the demon will be hanged.

**A Humorous Minister.**

Eli Perkins got off the following at a lecture in Minneapolis recently. A Fond du Lac preacher worn out with trying to get a decent living, sent in his resignation. Said he: "Brothers and sisters, I come to say good-bye. I don't think God loves this church very much, because none of you ever die. I don't think you love each other, because none of you ever get married. I don't think that you love me, because you never pay my salary and your donations are moldy fruits and wormy apples, and by their fruits ye shall know them."

"Brothers I am going away from you to a better place. I have been called to be chaplain of the Stillwater penitentiary. Where I go ye cannot come, but I go to prepare a place for you. Good bye."

Reports are published to the effect that Cleveland is to withdraw and Chief Justice Fuller is to be nominated.

**TO QUIT PUBLIC LIFE.**

Senator John Sherman Tired of Serving the People.

**HIS COURSE FULLY DECIDED UPON.**

Will Look About Awhile as to the Fitness of His Successor.

**SECRETARY FOSTER SPOKE OF.**

An Interesting and Serious Story in Connection With His Leaving the Senate.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The story is again in circulation that Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, will, before many months, announce his retirement from public life. This information comes from an Ohio gentleman, who has been recently in Washington, and for many years has sustained the most intimate personal and political relations with Mr. Sherman. This determination is no new thing with the Ohio senator. He decided on this course more than twelve months ago. At that time he had but a year and a half before the close of his term, and he had no desire to contest for re-election, but the political condition in Ohio last autumn was such as to make it a necessity for Mr. Sherman to again offer himself as a candidate before the state legislature. His friends believed he was the only man who could defeat the aspirations of Gov. Foraker, and the Mansfield statesman was asked to enter the lists against him. He did so and was elected with comparative ease, thus proving his great influence with the Ohio people, whom he had represented in public life for nearly forty years. He may think it proper to deny, as he has done before, his purpose to retire, but there is no doubt that he intends to leave the public service as soon as the conditions are such that it can be done without injury to the party and without turning over his seat to a successor who is unworthy of the place. Arrangements will probably be made so that Sec. Foster or some other friend of Mr. Sherman can step into the vacant seat. There is an interesting story in connection with Mr. Sherman's purpose in relinquishing his senatorial honors. He has a serious work to perform. It is a work which to him will be a labor of love, a work which he will perform with zealous care, and which, for that reason, he will not delegate to any other person. It will, in short, be the publication of the letters of his brother, William Tecumseh Sherman.

**San Francisco Scared.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Threats of an outbreak by the "Reds" yesterday caused some fear that the cry of terror might arouse the city; hence, when a solitary bomb was exploded in an empty lot, without doing any damage, wild rumors were spread. The most significant fact connected with the explosion is its occurrence on the ground adjoining the Enterprise brewery, which has been opposed to the brewery workmen's union and employed none but non-union men. No arrest was made up to a late hour last night in connection with the explosion, although a close watch was kept for any man answering the description of the dynamiters. Some violent anarchist speeches were made, but no real disorder took place.

**Fire in Winnipeg.**

WINNIPEG, May 2.—Four blocks were burned in this city by a fire which broke out in the Princess opera-house at 2 o'clock this morning. The flames spread with frightful rapidity, as there was no water, owing to the water works being shut down for repairs. The loss is estimated at \$125,000, with very light insurance.

**Mashed the Masher.**

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Congressman Amos Cummings discovered a handsome man paying offensive attentions to his (Cummings') wife. The lady had been annoyed some time, when Cummings administered corporal punishment to the masher. The latter did not give his name, but one of his friends informed Cummings that the masher would challenge him to fight a duel, and in case he refused would publicly horsewhip him.

**An Arkansas Collector.**

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Sheriff O. H. Luna, of Seary county, Ark., a republican, collected several thousand dollars in taxes recently, and with a companion, J. C. Hollis, came here on a big spree. They drank fine liquor, treated all comers, bucked the tiger, and wasted the public funds in all manner of riotous living. Luna's bondsmen took him in hand on his return to Seary county, and found that he was short \$4,000 of state money. Hollis was arrested and disgorged \$900, but the rest of the cash is gone. Luna retains his office, but will not collect any more taxes.

There were shocks of earthquake in Concord, N. H., yesterday.

**A Crazy Priest.**

BURLINGTON, N. J., May 2.—Rev. Father Tracy, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church, yesterday ordered a policeman to eject Matthew Gaynor and his daughter. The officer refused, and the priest, drawing a revolver, forced Gaynor to rise from his knees, and drove him out of the edifice. The trouble is said by Miss Gaynor to be due to the fact that she received attentions from a Protestant. The priest denounced the companionship from the pulpit and finally debarred the Gaynors from the church on several occasions. Father Tracy created a sensation by bitter denunciations of the different members of the church whom he found guilty of intemperance. He also denounced dancing in severe terms, and flourished a revolver in the pulpit. Gaynor will lay a complaint before Bishop O'Farrell.

**Deeming Biography.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Advices from Australia say that much interest is manifested in the biography Deeming is writing, upon which he has spent much of his time since he was imprisoned. It is believed that the man's overwhelming vanity will impel him to confess in this work all the crimes he ever committed. By appealing to the judicial committee of the privy council Deeming may succeed in putting off the execution for a time, but his haste to complete the book shows he has little, if any, hope of escaping hanging. Early this morning he resumed writing on the biography, which he says he will bequeath to Miss Ronnevell, the young lady to whom he was engaged at the time of his arrest. He expressed hope that the profits which she may derive from its publication will, in some degree, compensate her for the wrong and annoyance which he has been the means of inflicting on her.

**Illness of Archbishop Kendrick.**

ST. LOUIS, May 3.—A great deal of anxiety has been caused in Catholic circles by Archbishop Kendrick's inability to fill his confirmation engagements. On Sunday his grace was announced to administer the sacrament of confirmation to the children of Holy Trinity parish in North St. Louis. Full preparations had been made for the event, but word was received from the archbishop Sunday morning that he would be unable to come. There was more sorrow and anxiety expressed than disappointment, as the event seemed to indicate that the archbishop had reached that period of advanced life when he would no longer be able to fulfill the arduous duties he had imposed on himself. The archbishop seems never to have rallied completely from the attack of feebleness which seized him shortly after his jubilee celebration.

**A Kick Committee.**

NEW YORK, May 3.—On Wednesday the executive committee of the republican clubs of the ninth assembly district resolved to erect a transparency in front of the clubhouse with the inscription: "For President, Benjamin Harrison." The transparency was erected last night. The club held a meeting and voted that the action of the executive committee was premature, as they had no right to declare the political preference of the club, and ordered that the transparency be taken down within forty-eight hours, or it will be removed.

**Chinese Registration.**

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The house and senate conferees reached an agreement on the Chinese exclusion bill to be reported to the senate today. The basis of agreement is said to be the senate bill, but it contains clauses providing for the registration of resident Chinese and the suspension of bail in habeas corpus applications. A dispatch from the City of Mexico says the Chinese government in view of the attitude of the United States towards Chinese immigration, has taken steps to turn the tide of emigration to Mexico.

**Harrison on the First Ballot.**

MINNEAPOLIS, May 3.—According to the tab of the delegates to the national republican convention, kept at administrative headquarters, 225 delegates have already been instructed for Harrison. This is one more than enough to nominate him on the first ballot, not to mention a large number of uninstructed delegates, who it is known will vote for him.

**Destitution in Newfoundland.**

HALIFAX, N. S., May 3.—Captain Farquhar, of the steamer Harlow, from Newfoundland, reports a prevalence of destitution north of Flowers Cove, Newfoundland, with two actual cases of starvation.

**Want More Pay.**

SAGINAW, Mich., May 3.—All bricklayers in the city are on a strike for an advance of \$1 a day in wages. Building operations are at a standstill.

**Stony Creek Strike.**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 3.—Nearly a thousand quarrymen are on a strike near Stony creek, for an advance in wages and a reduction of hours.

**A Victim of La Grippe.**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., May 3.—Don Jose Pico, prominent in the early affairs of California, died here from an attack of the grip, aged 95.

**THE ASTORS MOURNING**

Mrs. Drayton Comes to New York With the Body of her Father.

**THE ASTOR'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.**

The Strictest Family Seclusion Will Still be Maintained.

**EFFORTS TO PREVENT A SCENE.**

Strained Relations in the Family May Prevent a Funeral Fitting the Millionaire Astor.

NEW YORK, May 3.—When Mrs. William Astor comes to this country with the body of her husband, she will be accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton and Mrs. Orme Wilson. Society has been wondering what Mrs. Astor would do to force such social recognition of Mrs. Drayton as is compatible with mourning, and yet enough to drive away the clouds that still linger over the Draytons' domestic affairs. It has been expected that Mrs. Astor and her daughter will remain here for a considerable part of the mourning season, but she planned to escape all uncertainties by returning immediately to Paris. Since Mrs. Astor left the city, the house on Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street has been closed, except that three caretakers have remained there. Preparations were in progress to increase the retinue of servants to the usual number until a cable message from Mrs. Astor put a stop to the work. Not even for the two weeks which Mrs. Astor and Mrs. Drayton expect to spend here will the number of servants be enlarged, so it is evident that the strictest family seclusion will be maintained. Mrs. Willing, of Philadelphia, mother of Mrs. John Jacob Astor, will accompany the party on its return to Paris. This exceptional privacy which is to be observed, it is said, is to be brought about by Mrs. Drayton's presence in the city. Extraordinary efforts will be made to prevent any sort of a scene when the husband and wife meet. Mr. Drayton has not called at the home of his brother-in-law, John Jacob Astor, since his return and their relations are strained. Mr. Drayton, it is expected, will attend the funeral.

**The Governor's Day.**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 3.—Delegates to the state convention tomorrow are arriving in large numbers. Fifer's nomination for governor is practically assured. There will be a lively contest over the auditorship. Gen. Pavey, the present incumbent, is antagonized by R. H. Stassen, of Joliet, basing his claims on nationality and religion. It is generally conceded that a German Lutheran should be on the ticket, to reclaim that element of the party. George S. Willets, of Chicago, and General I. H. Rinaker, of Carlinville, are favorably mentioned for congressmen-at-large. Rinaker seems to have formed a combination with Hertz, which promises to beat young Richard Yates, of Jacksonville, the choice of the young republicans. The compulsory school question is one which promises to trouble the platform-makers, as the leaders are divided on the question of repealing the compulsory education laws.

**Missing From the City.**

PORTLAND, May 4.—E. L. Anderson, captain of the battery of the first regiment, and transportation clerk of the Ainslie Lumber company, is missing from the city and his absence is mourned for by the many sorrowing friends of the gay captain to the extent of several hundred dollars' worth. It is the same old story of misplaced confidence. He "led the pace that kills," and to buy up his sinking fortunes, made several drafts upon the funds of his trusting friends and the treasury of the battery, which he failed to restore on his departure for other climes, and his whereabouts are unknown. The captain is accompanied by his wife. Anderson was a very popular man among his associates, who deeply regret that he has taken this unfortunate step. Had he only placed the matter before his friends there is little doubt but what they would have helped him over the difficulty.

**Closely Watched.**

MELBOURNE, May 3.—After Deeming was conveyed last night from the courtroom in which the sentence of death had just been passed upon him and returned to jail, his clothing was taken from him and he was compelled to don the attire of convicts. He was then placed in the condemned cell, with heavy irons locked upon his wrists to prevent him from committing suicide. There is scarcely a doubt that he would kill himself if the opportunity offered. A close watch must be kept upon him that he does not cheat the gallows. He did not appear at all cast down by his fate, and, after a short conversation with the wardens detailed to watch him, threw himself upon the pallet in the cell and slept calmly until morning.

**MODERN SEA GOING CRAFT.**

A New Canadian Vessel which May Load on the Columbia for any Port.

Mr. Linus Hubbard calls attention to the new monitor steamers, described by a Toronto paper, which will undoubtedly be competitors of the whalebacks, in carrying the inland products of our country to all seaport markets, wherever water transportation can be used from the grain fields and mines to the ocean, and will prove strong factors in increasing all values to the producers. The following is from the description referred to: "The John Doty engine company, of Toronto, is building a steel steamer of the monitor type, to engage in the grain and coal trade between Kingston and the upper lake ports, for the Canadian steel barge company. The design is by W. E. Redway. The boat differs somewhat from the cargo vessels building in Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo, and to which the same peculiarities have been applied. The machinery is placed nearly amidships, with a view to making the vessel trim better when light. Instead of the cigar-shaped bow of the whalebacks, this boat has a ram bow, with a forecastle deck forward, the top sides of which flare outward slightly, something like the mold-board of a plow. She is fitted with seven self-trimming hatches, the openings being raised about three feet above the top, or the rounded deck, and so arranged as to be easily accessible for loading and unloading cargo. Her keel is 235 feet, full Welland canal size, beam 38 feet, hold 20 feet. She will be fitted with fore and aft compound engines, having cylinders 26 and 50 inches in diameter, 40 inches stroke, with two cylindrical boilers, 12 feet in diameter, 11 feet long, and is expected to have a speed of 13 knots on a coal consumption of 1,000 pounds per hour. She will register about 850 tons, and will have a carrying capacity of 2,300 tons of dead cargo, wheat, coal etc., on a draft of 15 feet of water." With the cascade canal open and the improvement at Celilo completed, these and other steamers will be able to transport products direct from the upper Columbia to any sea port in the world.

**THE CONTRACT SYSTEM.**

No More Shutting Down Work to Wait for Appropriations.

A Portland paper mentions that stone cutters have commenced to chisel blocks of granite again at the locks of the cascades. This is an indication that the appropriation bill is safe. When work stopped for want of an appropriation, there was about \$67,000 left unexpended, and now Joggles writes to inquire if the interest on this \$67,000 stopped when work was stopped? and if not, who is the man or the bank who got the benefit of the interest. He says this interest would almost be sufficient to pay for blasting out the rocks in the main rapids, and making a navigable channel according to the idea of Dr. Aug. C. Kinney, of Astoria, as given in THE CHRONICLE week before last. Joggles is right. But when the contract system is adopted, then there will be more shutting down of the work for congress to pass an appropriation.

The invitation of the committee having in charge the Centennial celebration of the discovery of the Columbia river, having been accepted by the Oregon Pioneer association the steamer T. J. Potter has been chartered to convey members from Portland to Astoria and return. All pioneers in good standing are entitled to passage for themselves and families on the above steamer free of charge.

Arlington Record. It is rumored that the Smith brothers of Sherman county have purchased about 5000 acres of the Blalock ranch west of this city, and will take possession at once. This will terminate the lease of L. J. Goodrich, who has already plowed about 1,500 acres of the tract. The new firm will continue to plow for summer fallow with a large force.

Lakeview Examiner. Dr. J. W. Watts preached to a large audience at the M. E. church, Sunday evening, on the subject the great gulf. Did the doctor mean his mouth?

Astoria Herald. The stench emanating from the oil factory is strong enough to stop a horse car, but as 261 of the best people in the city signed a remonstrance against moving it, the balance of the people will have to stand it.

Oregonian. Capt. John McNulty, for thirty years pilot of the Union Pacific boats on the middle Columbia, has resigned his place to accept the same position on The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company's boat. Capt. McNulty is a careful, experienced navigator.

The recent decision of the Washington state horticultural board that fruit-tree dealers must have their trees inspected by proper officers before offering them for sale, will undoubtedly do much to prevent the introduction of pests from other localities, and is therefore to be commended.

Henry Waterhouse, a forty years' resident of the Hawaiian Islands who is now in Chicago, declares that the annexation of these islands to the United States, in the near future, is inevitable. The natives of whom there are only 40,000 want a republic and the vast body of American residents are anxious for annexation.