



THE ARMY DEPLETED. ENLISTMENTS FALL OFF. Troops Now 33 Per Cent Short—More Pay in Civil Life.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The artillery, cavalry and infantry of the United States army have lost so heavily by failure to re-enlist, by men purchasing their discharges and by desertion that the situation is felt to be serious by the officers charged with the duty of maintaining the enlisted strength of the standing army.

Every possible effort is being made by the War Department and the General Staff to remedy the situation, to induce re-enlistments and to secure recruits, but with little avail, while the smaller the army grows the greater becomes the necessity for frequent change.

One of the most striking instances of the depletion of the army is shown by the case of the 10th Company of coast artillery, which paraded in January, 1900, with 101 men in the ranks, but which, when called upon to parade on October 15 of this year, could muster only fourteen men in the ranks, that being the total strength of the company.

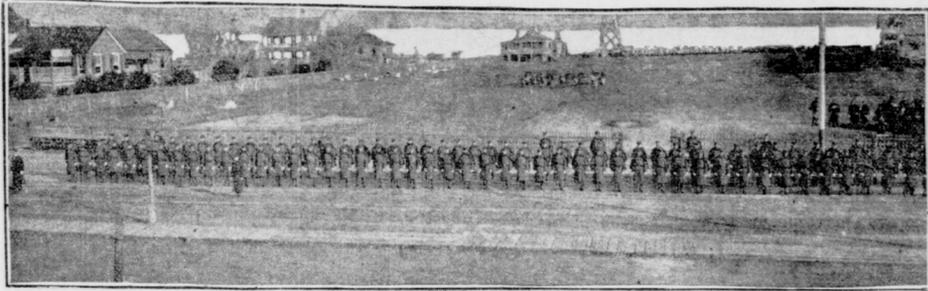
The coast artillery suffers more than any other branch of the army because of the highly skilled character of its men, who, by the time they become proficient as soldiers, are really high class skilled artisans. The coast defence corps is now 50 per cent short of its authorized strength, and even that is far too small to afford one manning detail for the fortifications already constructed.

ONLY ENOUGH FOR SQUAD DRILLS. The same difficulties confront the infantry commanders. One captain reports that for some time his command has been so small that it has been impossible to have other than squad drills.

A colonel of infantry in Nebraska reports to the War Department that in the vicinity of his post ordinary farm hands are receiving from \$30 to \$50 a month and board, which makes the \$13 a month of the soldier appear pitifully small.

Perhaps the most frequent ground for dissatisfaction in the army, after the smallness of the force, is the smallness of the pay. The value which is placed on the army good conduct certificate is clearly indicated by the case of a railroad company, which has written to the War Department complaining that some of the soldiers have forged the good conduct testimonial on their discharge certificates, thus seriously misleading the company, which always "makes a place for good conduct men," but does not like to be "taken in by ex-soldiers who have not earned that commendation."

DEPLETION IN THE ARMY RANKS.



Tenth Company, Coast Artillery (formerly Battery M, 1st Artillery), formed for parade in January, 1900, at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina. One hundred and one men in ranks.

TRIMS VOTING LISTS.

LEARY ON THE WARPATH.

Finds 504 Illegal Registrations in Lodging House Hunt.

William Leary, the State Superintendent of Elections, discovered 504 cases of illegal registration on a visit to the 1st, 2d and 3d Assembly districts between midnight Saturday and 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

One lodging house in each of the 1st, 2d and 3d Assembly districts was visited by the superintendent early yesterday, and affidavits were taken from proprietors of a number of other houses.

In a lodging house at No. 3 James street, in the 2d District, twenty-five legal residents were reported, whereas ninety-nine men registered from there. Superintendent Leary has applied for warrants for the seventy-four who registered illegally.

At the Phoenix House, No. 53 Bowery, in the 3d Assembly District, where men pay 15 cents a night for a bed, including one roll and a cup of coffee in the morning, forty-eight illegal registrations were discovered. One hundred and nine registered from there, while the proprietor reported to the superintendent only sixty-one, who, up to midnight of October 6, the last hour a man could acquire a legal residence in that district, had a right to do so.

Mr. Leary said that the executive committee of the society was well satisfied with this result, but it had resolved that no further reference should be made to the situation pending the interview next Wednesday between David Lloyd-George, president of the Board of Trade, and representatives of the society.

GREAT VOTE FOR STRIKE

Nearly 77,000 British Employes Favor Quitting Work.

London, Nov. 3.—A great meeting of railroad men was held to-night in Albert Hall, attended by deputations from all parts of the United Kingdom.

The meeting passed a resolution heartily pledging its support to any action the executive committee might deem necessary.

Mr. Bell added that the executive committee of the society was well satisfied with this result, but it had resolved that no further reference should be made to the situation pending the interview next Wednesday between David Lloyd-George, president of the Board of Trade, and representatives of the society.

LOUISIANA DUEL TALK.

Lieutenant Governor Says Caffery Knows Where to Find Him.

New Orleans, Nov. 3.—Lieutenant Governor J. Y. Sanders replied in writing to-day to what has been universally accepted as a challenge for a duel by Donelson Caffery, son of the late United States Senator Donelson Caffery.

Mr. Caffery then scattered handbills in many parts of the state, asserting that satisfaction had been refused to him by Mr. Sanders. These handbills declared as untrue some of Mr. Caffery's statements made in supporting Mr. Wilkinson for Governor against Mr. Sanders.

WOMAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Steam Runabout Crashes Into Pole at Concord, Mass.

Concord, Mass., Nov. 3.—Mrs. Nellie W. Conant, wife of Herbert E. Conant, of Newton, was instantly killed in an automobile accident here to-day. Accompanied by her husband and Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, of Newton, she was riding along Walden street in a steam runabout, when, in trying to pass another machine, the steering gear became jammed and the runabout crashed into a telegraph pole at the side of the road.

NO HERO MEDAL FOR POLICEMAN.

Carnegie Committee Says He Simply Did His Duty in Saving Drowning Baby.

Waterbury, Conn., Nov. 3.—Patrolman John Cavanaugh, who three weeks ago at great peril jumped into twelve feet of water to save a drowning Italian baby, will not get a Carnegie medal, as some of the Carnegie committee expected. The letter says that while the officer is to be highly commended for his bravery it was performed in his line of duty and was not of such an extraordinary character as to warrant making an exception in his case.

EARTHSHOCK AT SAMARKAND.

ISAAC D. SURRETT DEAD.

AFTER ALL, USHER'S THE SCOTCH

STEAMSHIP LINES UNITE

Furness Company to Get Maritime Trust and C. & O. Vessels.

London, Nov. 3.—It is announced that a combination of two big cargo steamship enterprises is in contemplation by the firm of Furness, Withy & Co. The company purposes to acquire the fleets of the British Maritime Trust and the Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Company, thus becoming the owner of 594,582 tons of steam shipping.

TRINMEN DIE IN WRECK.

Jersey Central Flyer Runs Into Cave-in—Accidents in South.

Scranton, Penn., Nov. 3.—One man was killed and two others were seriously injured by the wrecking of the Quaker City flyer on the Jersey Central Railroad, half a mile north of Pittston, to-night. A mine cave-in occurred just as the train was passing the Butler cove-in, derailing the train.

ATHLETE'S SKULL SPLIT.

Dennis Horgan in Critical Condition from Italian's Attack.

Dennis Horgan, the champion shotputter of Ireland, who lives at No. 316 East 67th street, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon by Clement Lugli, an Italian, of No. 270 East 73d street, who is said to have attacked Horgan and Martin Bourke, who lives with him.

TELEGRAPH STRIKE NEAR END.

May Be Called Off To-morrow—Companies to Yield Some Demands.

The strike of the telegraphers may be called off to-morrow. The question was discussed for several hours yesterday at a meeting of Local No. 16 of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, in Grell's Hall, No. 147 East 53d street.

RESULTS OF LIBERAL DISSENSION.

Figures Show Crushing Socialist Defeats in Municipal Election.

London, Nov. 3.—The complete results from the municipal elections held in England and Wales last week augmented the already enormous Conservative gains and emphasize the defeat of the Socialists. The returns from 145 boroughs show the following gains: Conservatives, 125; Liberals, 21; Laborites, 22; Socialists, 4 and Independents, 4.

BOASTED OF KILLING TWENTY-EIGHT.

DUKE WILL NOT WED MISS ELKINS.

Maryland Woman Turns Nation's Emblem Into Rope and Hangs Herself.

Baltimore, Nov. 3.—Mrs. Cornelia McKelvie twisted an American flag into a rope to-day, and committed suicide by hanging herself to a closet door. Her body was discovered by her thirteen-year-old granddaughter, Melancholia, due to poor health, is supposed to have prompted the act.

GOVERNORS TO MEET?

Atlanta Hears Nation-Wide Conference Will Follow Recent One.

Atlanta, Nov. 3.—It developed to-day that the conference held here last week by Governors Hoke Smith, Glenn and Comer may be the forerunner of another, in which all the governors of the country will participate. Questions concerning the rights of the states to deal with the railroad situation will be discussed, it is said.

MASSACRE IN PERSIA.

Turks Kill Inhabitants of Astrabad and Loot Houses.

Teheran, Nov. 5.—According to advices received here the Turcomans have committed havoc in the city of Astrabad, capital of the Persian province of that name, where they massacred the inhabitants and then looted their houses. The disorders at various other places have increased, and punitive expeditions have been sent out.

TWENTY HURT IN RUSH.

Six Rensselaer Institute Students in Hospital—Sophomores Lose.

Troy, N. Y., Nov. 3.—One of the fiercest flag rushes in the history of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ended last night on an island in the Mohawk River, near Cohoes. After a battle in which twenty students were injured the sophomores gave up the attempt to gain possession of the flag.

OREGON IN HOLIDAY PLAN

Governor Will Act Day by Day Until Stringency Passes.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 3.—Governor Chamberlain issued a proclamation last night designating to-morrow as a legal holiday in Oregon, and announced that he would declare each succeeding day a holiday until after the present money famine.

ALL GO TO MORGAN CONFERENCE.

THE STOCK MARKET.

The entire board of directors of the Trust Company of America left the Waldorf at about 3 o'clock this morning and went to the Morgan conference. Headed by President Thorne and with Mr. Sheehan walking by his side, the entire board entered Mr. Morgan's library shortly after 2 o'clock.

TO HELP STOCK MARKET.

It was generally believed that one of the purposes of the conference at Mr. Morgan's library was to arrange for concerted support of the stock market to-day in case holders of securities threw them on the market on account of the record deficit in reserve shown in Saturday's bank statement.

TO HELP STOCK MARKET.

The stock market will be closed to-morrow, and when it opens on Wednesday much of the gold engaged in London will be here, which ought to cause a rapid improvement both in sentiment and in the money market.

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Bankers felt that many timid holders of stocks might become frightened over Sunday, and thus start a selling movement to-day, so it was considered wise to be prepared to check at once any such outbreak of hysteria.

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Those who attended the conference in Mr. Morgan's library were J. P. Morgan, George W. Perkins, George F. Baker, president of the First National Bank; James Stillman, president of the National City Bank; Charles Steele, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation; H. C. Frick, Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society; Grant B. Schley, of Moore & Schley, bankers, and Richard Trimble, secretary and treasurer of the United States Steel Corporation.

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The conference began to arrive between 4:30 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the conference broke up shortly after 7 o'clock. Mr. Morgan walked from the library to his home at Madison avenue and 36th street, a distance of less than one hundred yards, while most of the other conferees went away in carriages or automobiles.

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Asked if he expected any important or alarming developments to-day, Mr. Morgan replied emphatically in the negative. He said he intended to spend the evening with his family and go downtown to business as usual this morning.

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George F. Baker, when asked the purpose of the conference, said it had nothing to do with the trust company situation or with the bank statement. He said it was simply a conference of bankers on private matters, which would not be of interest to the public. The other conferees refused to talk.

BANKERS IN SESSION.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS.

Long Conferences Held at Mr. Morgan's Private Library.

The financiers who have taken charge of the local banking situation held two important conferences yesterday in J. P. Morgan's private library, in East 36th street, meeting both in the afternoon and evening. No details of what took place at the afternoon meeting were made public and the evening conference was still in session at an early hour this morning.

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The directors of the Trust Company of America and of the Lincoln Trust Company were in session last night in adjoining rooms at the Waldorf-Astoria. These meetings, too, were prolonged until long after midnight.

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Soon after midnight Mr. Thorne left the meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria and hurried to Mr. Morgan's library. He refused to talk. At 1:15 a. m. to-day Mr. Thorne left the Morgan conference and returned to the Waldorf. He still refused to make a statement, but it was inferred that he was carrying to the waiting directors at the Waldorf the decision of Mr. Morgan in regard to the trust company situation.

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William F. Sheehan, C. P. Northrop and Austen G. Fox, attorneys, were in session with the trust company directors at the Waldorf.

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Grant B. Schley, of the banking firm of Moore & Schley, left the conference at Mr. Morgan's library at 11 o'clock. He refused to make any statement as to the work done at the meeting or as to his own part therein.

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Shortly after midnight William Salomon and Isaac N. Seligman, both of whom are directors in the Lincoln Trust Company, left the meeting at the Waldorf and hastened to the Morgan conference. Neither would make any statement.

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At 1 o'clock this morning George F. Baker and Charles Steele came out of the Morgan conference together and drove away. In half an hour Mr. Baker returned without Mr. Steele, who, it was presumed, had gone to the Waldorf.

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Messrs. Salomon and Seligman remained for half an hour at the Morgan conference and then returned to the meeting of the Lincoln Trust Company directors at the Waldorf.

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Accompanying them was a clerk of the Trust Company of America, bearing a heavily loaded suitcase, presumably containing a large batch of securities on which the gathering at Mr. Morgan's were to be asked to pass.

TO HELP STOCK MARKET.

It was reported that the conferees at the meeting at Mr. Morgan's library were keeping in touch with the two meetings at the Waldorf-Astoria, but there was no confirmation of this. It was also rumored that the fact the directors of the two trust companies were in session in adjoining rooms of the same hotel presaged some sort of consolidation of the two companies.