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### SECRETARY ROOT'S REPORT.

#### URGES THE FORTIFICATION OF OUR INSULAR POSSESSIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Secretary Root's latest annual report as Secretary of War contains a valuable review of the organization of our insular possessions. Special mention is made of San Juan, P. R.; Pearl Harbor and Honolulu harbor, Hawaii; San Luis d'Apra, on the island of Guam; Manila Bay and Subig Bay, in the Philippines, and he says: "There ought to be no delay in putting all of these points in such a condition that at least they will not be defenceless against any sudden foray by a single, lightly armed officer. The subject of fortification of naval stations in the West Indies also calls for immediate attention."

Secretary Root strongly urges the appropriation of \$25,000,000 for the construction of a cable between Sitka and Valdez, in Alaska, which is necessary to complete the chain of communication established by the Signal Corps and give an unbroken connection over military lines between the United States and all military posts and important points in the Territory. The opinion is expressed that a further reduction in the military force in the Philippines could be made and that there is not at present much occasion for the use of American troops outside of the Moro country. Secretary Root calls attention to the growing discontent during the year in the Moro country and particularly in the Sulu groups. The Sulu Moros, he says, are continuing the practice of slavery and are actively engaged in the slave trade. He thinks the treaty of commerce which is dependent upon as an instrument of government and that a new system of government, as organized upon the arrival in the Philippines of Gen. Wood, became necessary. Mention is also made of the recent outbreak in Jolo, which is attributed to the resistance of natives to the new system of government.

Secretary Root does not favor any important military legislation. He says: "Aside from such action as may be necessary for a further study of coast defence problems, I do not think that any legislation regarding the army will be advisable for some time to come." He adds: "The three battalion organization of infantry, the corps of artillery, and the authority vested in the President to vary the numbers of the army between minimum and maximum are the subject of details to the staff, with compulsory return to line service at fixed intervals in place of permanent staff organizations; the system of general staff supervision and control, the new militia system, providing for cooperation with the Regular Army; the enlarged system of military education, culminating in the Army War College as an adjunct to the General Staff, all appear to be working well and are enlisted the best efforts of the officers of the army. They should be let alone until some reason for interfering with them appears as the result of trial."

The report shows a progressive decrease in the expenditures from \$108,000,000 in 1901 to \$70,000,000 during the last year. As to the general condition in the Philippines, Secretary Root quotes the following cablegram from Gov. Taft, dated Nov. 30: "Reports received from all parts of the Philippine Archipelago show that there was never a time in the history of the islands when the Christian provinces were freer from disturbance than they are today."

Secretary Root refers to the recent census of the islands and quotes the following rough count of the results: Total population, 7,500,000; of which 6,975,000 are civilized people and 525,000 belong to the wild tribes.

Referring to currency, he says that 13,520,000.00 ounces of silver, valued at \$10,000,000 at a cost of \$7,372,900.11. It is estimated that there are now in circulation in the archipelago between eleven and twelve million pesos of the Spanish-Philippine coinage of all denominations. It is the purpose of the Philippine Government to take steps to get this coinage into the treasury and to recoin the silver thus supplied into the new Philippine coins, thus bringing the aggregate of the new coinage up to about 25,000,000 pesos, which will meet the present requirements of the islands.

Secretary Root says of the work of the monetary commission: "Under the recent legislation of Congress the business of the Philippine Islands is about to be put upon the gold standard basis. Any action which leads to the adoption of a gold monetary system in China will be of material advantage to the Philippines."

Secretary Root urges a reduction of duties upon Philippine imports into the United States and declares that as matters stand at present "we have practically deprived the Philippines of their Spanish market, and we have so arranged the tariff laws of the two countries that American consumers are making money at the expense of the Philippine revenue."

The report discusses the application of the United States coastwise laws to the Philippines which becomes effective in July, 1904, and Secretary Root points out the distinction between the interisland

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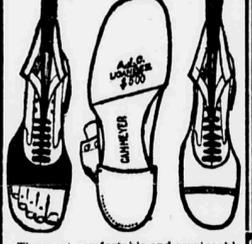
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#### ROSKOW TAKES AN ICY SWIM TO CURE HIS RHEUMATISM.

Bet Henry Worth That He Didn't Dare Join Him—Both Dived In and the Stakeholder Announces That He'll Have to Hold the Stakes for the Present.

Ernest Roskow, otherwise known as Bismarck, who was one of the original cabinet of the Hon. Tim Campbell, and Henry Worth, an East Side painter, went to Coney Island yesterday afternoon and jumped off the pier into the water. They could not swim, and Roskow, who has rheumatism, and has tried every remedy his friends have recommended to him.

Gus Anger, a retired baker, and Charlie Kirschner, the concrete contractor of Jersey City, called on Roskow one day last week and told him that they had a sure cure for his ailment.

"A plunge in the surf in freezing weather is the thing," said Kirschner. "Ach, wouldn't I doze nice," said Roskow. "Such a pinesess mit rheumatism." "Listen," said Anger, "I got this tip from a doctor. You can't get cold from the water because of the salt. The shock the salt and the excitement will drive it all out of your system."

"I bet you ten dollars he vase afraid of der water," said Worth. "I bet you ten dollars dot I chump in if you do," said Roskow. Worth took the bet and the money was put up with William McCormack, a Harlem contractor.

## The Wanamaker Store

### Santa Claus Is Here and Busy.

Christmas things dominate the store, and rightly; for in them lies broadest public interest. But there is splendid economy news as well, that demands an audience by its overwhelming appeal to thrift, as well as practical Christmas generosity.

### Do You Want An Overcoat Made Exactly Your Way?

And are you interested in getting five to fifteen dollars worth more than you have to pay for?

These are two things that our tailoring organization offers you today. The materials are fine all-wool, close nap chevots and vicuna finished overcoatings. The coats will be made up to your order in first-class manner, and lined throughout with pure silk Merveilleux—handsome, warm and luxurious. The regular prices are \$30, \$35, and \$40—today for \$25.

### The Rest of the "Royal" Waists Are Here

The greatest event in Women's Shirt-Waists that New York has seen in many months, began last Wednesday, with the first arrival of the splendid stock of "Royal" Waists. Couldn't get them all at once—every man, woman and child in the factory had to work like beavers to get the first half of them to us last week.

Today the second half is ready, including thousands of beautifully made waists of mercerized vestings, madras, butchers' linen, French piques, fine mercerized sateen, checked sateen, ducks, white and colored linens, flaked madras and dotted linens—as well as the wool waists of French flannel, granite cloths and Botany flannel.

All the Waists are epic-span-new, just recently made up, and "Royal" Waists are noted for their excellence in both style and workmanship. The finer ones are put up separately in boxes, for Christmas giving, and they make handsome holiday gifts.

In the group of Cotton Waists there are:

- \$1 and \$1.25 WAISTS at 50c
- \$1.50 and \$1.75 WAISTS at 75c
- \$2 to \$2.75 WAISTS at \$1
- \$3.75 to \$6 WAISTS at \$2.25

The group of Wool Waists includes handsome garments that sold regularly at \$4.50 to \$6—

Today at \$2.50 Each

The entire Cross-aisle to the east of Rotunda, on the Second floor, is again devoted to the selling.

### A Good Piece of Marble Statuary

Pedestals and Terra Cotta

To the already superb collection of Marble Statuary in our Art Salon, we have just added the contents of thirty newly-arrived cases. This makes the finest showing of Carrara and Castilena Marbles to be seen in the city—a total of over two hundred Busts, Figures and Groups in a choice variety of artistic subjects, all of which have been newly imported directly by us this season. Specimen prices are \$8.50, \$12, \$15, \$22.50, \$30, \$45, up to \$225.

Equal interest attaches to the splendid assortment of Marble and Onyx Pedestals and Vienna Terra Cotta, of which some details:

Marble and Onyx Pedestals

Nearly 300 in the Art Room at the present time. A great variety of sizes, weights and patterns:

Marble Pedestals at \$6, worth \$8.50; \$7, worth \$10.50; \$8.50, worth \$12; \$10, worth \$15; \$15, worth \$20; \$22.50, worth \$30; \$25, worth \$35.

Onyx Pedestals at \$62.50; worth \$75; \$80, worth \$100; \$100, worth \$125; \$110, worth \$150; up to \$250, worth \$350.

Vienna Terra Cotta

A large collection of exquisitely formed pieces, very suitable for gifts. Including figured card trays, mirrors and busts, at \$12, \$25, \$30, \$37.50, \$50, up to \$80.

Art Room, Basement.

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### Splendid and Unusual Values in Women's Coats.

New Kersey Cloth Jackets  
Made in the most approved shapes, with wing capes, fitted backs, double breasted front, velvet trim at neck, lined with satin..... \$10.00  
Regular price \$16.50.

Women's Kersey Coats.  
Medium lengths, semi-fitted, fancy silk trimming on inside of front to show when open, lined with guaranteed satin—very serviceable and dainty..... \$17.75  
Regular price \$24.00.

Silk Velour Blouse Coats.  
Full knee lengths, of velvet or crushed velour, trimmed with wide silk braids, handsomely finished with novelty satins or plain trim—very rich and dressy garments..... \$25.00  
Regular price \$35.00.

### Extraordinary Values in Women's Suits.

We place on sale this morning a number of SUITS of ZIBELINE and CHEVIOTS the best of the staple of excellence. They are made in blouse shape, long coat, trimmed with large twisted silk cords, fancy narrow necks, vests, new designs in skirts..... \$24.75  
Regular price \$39.75.

### The Best Offering of the Season in Furs and Fur Garments.

Leipzig Dyed Persian Lamb Jackets.  
Just twenty-five of them. Fine flat cloth, some plain, some trimmed with Chinchilla, Baum Marten or Mink..... \$125.00  
Never marked less than \$175.00.

The Famous Axala Seal Coats.  
The only real seal imitation worthy of consideration. Difficult to tell from Seal Skin and only one-fifth of the price..... \$75.00  
\$45.00, \$55.00, \$69.00 and.....

If you don't know them it will pay you to see them. They are all guaranteed.

MINK BOAS—Double fur, finished with tails, in medium dark natural fur, 50 inches long, value \$22.00, at..... \$16.75

MINK BOAS—40 inches long, dark flat double fur, with tails finish, value \$35.00, at..... \$25.00

SABLE and ISABELLA FOX SCARFS, fine quality; special for Monday..... \$9.75

DOUBLE SABLE FOX SCARFS, very handsome; special for Monday. Muffs to match at correspondingly low prices..... \$14.75

Also a fine showing of Alaska Sable, Ermine, Chinchilla, Mole skin, Persian Lamb, Lynx, Squirrel and various other fashionable furs. (Third floor.)

### Christmas Suggestions from the Silk Department.

EMBROIDERED SILK WAIST PATTERNS, neatly put up in boxes and particularly suitable for Holiday Gifts. Special values at..... \$3.25, \$5.00, and \$10.00

Also 5,000 yards ALL-SILK SATIN MESSALINE LIBERTY, beautiful soft 55c silky finish, worth at regular price \$1.00 per yard, special at..... \$5c (First Floor, Special Table No. 2).

### Sensible and Useful Christmas Gifts are Dress Goods Patterns (black or colors).

Annually we organize a sale of black and colored Dress Lengths appropriate for presents. This year's collection is larger in volume and more extensive in the variety of styles shown than has been seen in any former event of the kind. The values are splendid—many of the patterns being about one-half regular prices.

Some of the fabrics represented are

- Zibeline Suitings
- Fancy Zibelines
- Novelty Suitings
- Tweed Suitings
- Manish Suitings
- Camei's Hair Suitings
- Knickerbocker Suitings
- Canvas Suitings
- Scotch Homespuns
- Scotch Tweeds
- Fancy Chevots
- Plain Chevots
- Galashiels Suitings
- Donegal Tweeds
- Venetian Cloths
- Covert Cloths
- Meltonette Chevots
- Serge Suitings
- Broadcloths
- Waterproof Tweeds

Lengths from 5 to 10 yards. Prices from \$2.75 to \$15.00 per Dress Pattern.

### Christmas Handkerchiefs

For Men and Women—Pure Linen and All Silk.

3,000 dozen fine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs with or without hand embroidered initials—Swiss embroidered and lace edge Handkerchiefs—value 20c and 25c each; special at..... 12 1/2c

Very fine all linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with elaborate hand embroidered initials or plain hemstitched—Fine Swiss embroidered and lace trimmed—All silk plain hemstitched and embroidered initial—colored border silk Handkerchiefs—value 35c and 45c; special at..... 25c

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### All-Silk Umbrellas

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