

NO REDUCTIONS

In the New Army, According to the Provisions of the Law.

SURPRISE FOR CONGRESS.

The Law of the Fifty-fifth Congress Stands Good—Many Officers in the Philippine Service to be Retained.

NEW YORK, May 7.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

Congress will perhaps be surprised to learn that the army law of 1899 does not provide for the reduction of the regular army to its dimensions prior to 1903, as is now popularly supposed. Experts say that only the rank and file will be reduced to 25,000 men; that there is a thimble-rigging phraseology in the law which retains all the additional officers in the service.

Investigation seems to confirm this assertion. Before the Spanish war the regular army consisted of only 30,000 men, all told, namely, 25,000 rank and file, 371 military cadets and 7 professors at West Point; 2,164 general, staff and line officers in the active service, besides 1,293 enlisted men and 663 officers on the retired list. As enlarged from time to time under the various war legislations that followed, the United States army now consists of 84,969 rank and file, 381 cadets and 8 West Point professors, 2,568 general, staff and line officers in active service, with 1,447 enlisted men and 733 officers on the retired list.

Besides these regulars there are approximately 35,000 volunteers in the active service. These figures show the following increases in the various grades of the active service:

Enlisted men, 39,696; officers, 422; professors, 1; cadets, 10; on the retired list there has been an increase of 90 officers and 149 enlisted men.

In the expiring hours of the Fifty-ninth Congress, by the agency of the conference committee, a law was rushed through and approved on March 2, 1899, containing a clause which provides that on and after July 1, 1901, "all the general, staff and line officers appointed to the army under this act shall be discharged and the numbers restored to each grade, to those existing at the passage of this act, and the enlisted force of the line of the army shall be reduced to the number as provided for by a law prior to April 1, 1893."

This army law of 1899, known as the Cockerill-Gorman bill, is a muddle of inexplicable contradictions. The positive recitations of the foregoing paragraph apparently leave no escape from the nearly universal conclusion that on July 1, 1901, the army is to go back to its original strength before the Spanish war, unless meanwhile there is supplementary legislation. That this is the understanding in Congress has been made manifest by the utterances of members and senators in the discussion of pending legislation. This threatened event is used constantly as an appeal for immediate legislation to put the army on a permanent footing.

Nevertheless the vague hint has got abroad that this law of March 2, 1899, does not provide for reducing the officers of the regular army on the date named, or any other date, although a superficial reading leaves the impression, and that was what Congress was providing for when it passed the act. A careful investigation leaves little room for doubt that both Congress and administration circles err in any presumption that the Cockerill-Gorman act puts the official personnel of the army back to its old number before the Spanish war. It unquestionably compels its reduction of the enlisted strength to the maximum unless the present Congress provides differently, and also the muster out of the volunteer general, staff and line officers and the volunteer soldiery.

NOT A DEAD ONE.

MacCorkle Heads His Delegation to the District Convention, and the Chiltons Are in the Same Line With Him—Black Eye for McGraw.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 7.—Domestic charters were issued to-day as follows:

Maxwell-Sullor-Canning Company; principal office, Fairmont; capital stock, \$200,000; incorporators, H. P. and E. L. Maxwell, W. L. McMechen, S. V. Taylor and Wm. Hubbard, of Wheeling.

Virginia and Pittsburgh Coal Company; principal office at Fairmont; capital stock, \$5,000; incorporators, R. W. McCoy, E. C. Morton, H. C. Wood, Frank Ashman and M. C. Lilley, of Columbus, O.

Ex-Governor W. A. MacCorkle has gone to Montgomery, Ala., to participate in the debate on the race problem, which takes place there on the 9th inst. In which Senator Morgan and ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert are to be his opponents. Governor MacCorkle will defend the franchise of the negro, but takes strong grounds of their moral and intellectual development.

Last Saturday's Democratic district convention in Kanawha county resulted in a complete Waterloo for the McGraw contingent. In Charleston the Chiltons took the bit in their mouth and ran clear away with it. Ex-Governor MacCorkle leads the delegation, with his two brothers-in-law and the two Chiltons following, just to show the Grafton boss that they are still factors. It is as certain as anything can be in politics that the delegations selected by the county convention next Saturday to represent Kanawha at the Parkersburg convention will be ostensibly for S. L. Flourney for governor, but in fact for Law Tavener. The Tavener men

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here declared that if there is to be any switching in the supreme court nomination it will not be their man. They admit that Mr. Flourney would make a much better looking judge than Tavener.

Didn't Want a Butcher. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. STEUBENVILLE, O., May 7.—Quite a sensational church wrangle at the M. P. church at Mingo Junction has resulted in the resignation of Rev. O. D. McKeever, the pastor. Some of the congregation objected to having the pastor keep a butcher shop in addition to his duties. His friends claim he had engaged in something to assist, as his salary was meagre.

Tandy in Bad Luck. From the Louisville Evening Post: Tandy Jump is in jail at Owentown.

Relief in Six Hours. Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Believes retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by R. H. List, druggist, Wheeling, W. Va.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Money on call steady at 2 3/4 per cent. last loan, 2 1/2.

Prime mercantile paper, 3 1/4 to 4 1/4 per cent.

Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 83 1/2 for 60 days; demand, and at \$4 84 1/2 for 60 days; posted rates, \$4 85 1/2 for 60 days; and \$4 89 1/2 for 90 days; commercial bills, \$4 83 1/2 to \$4 84 1/2; silver certificates, 60 to 60 1/2; bar silver, 59 1/2; Mexican dollars, 47 1/2.

Government Bonds Irregular.

State bonds inactive.

Railroad bonds easier.

There were several weak points in the stock market to-day, and these were sufficient to turn the room traders to the bear side of the market. The operations of these professional elements were the only ones apparent outside of a few stocks, and they reflected no conditions or even well established opinions regarding the general outlook. The demand for stocks continued quite insignificant, so that the moderate offerings in large part for the short account of room traders made an impression easily upon prices, but the decline failed to induce any liquidation and prices readily rallied when the bears came to cover. The steel shares were the most conspicuous in the trading, and were weak from the opening. The reported closing of a mill of the Federal Steel Company induced the early decline, which was languid and sluggish. The announcement of the resignation from the board of directors of the American Steel and Wire Company of the Seligman representatives, and their statement of irreconcilable objections to Chairman Gates and his policy, caused a sharp further break in the steel group, in which Federal Steel was rather more affected than Steel and Wire. Pressed Steel Car and American Smelting were exceptions in the group, the former rising over a point. Long Island broke sharply after its recent notable advance on the absorption by Pennsylvania, and closed 9 1/2 points lower than Saturday. The bonds of the company were also heavy. The reaction was attributed to speculative profit-taking, and occurred on comparatively small dealings. In the railroad list St. Paul, Pennsylvania, Union Pacific and Baltimore & Ohio had rather a wide fall on what looked like letting go of a speculative account. There were heavy blocks offered of all these. There was a slight show of strength in spots at the opening, in response to London's encouragement over South African news, but the rise was but momentary. The rally after the break in the steel stocks was not well held, the members of that group generally falling again to the lowest at the close, which was heavy throughout. General Electric advanced nearly three points in the morning, but saved only one point on the day. The money market continued very easy, and further gold exports to Paris are expected. It is not believed that any gold will go to London in the present conditions, and at the present level of exchange, which declined to-day, both for sterling and for Paris checks. Estimates of the amount to go on Thursday to Paris run up to \$5,000,000, but no announcements were made to-day of engagements. The bear traders during the day professed uneasiness over the gold movement, as well as over labor difficulties at various points, the pendency of the presidential campaign and the reactionary course of business, which, they argue, must have its effect on railroad earnings.

Railroad Bonds showed a yielding tendency, in sympathy with stocks.

Total sales, par value, \$1,735,000.

United States new 4s advanced 7/8, and the refunding 2s, when issued, 2s, and old 4s declined 1/8 in the bid price.

U. S. Bonds.

U. S. new 4s con. 13 1/2; U. S. old 4s reg. 11 1/2; U. S. 2s reg. 9 1/2; U. S. 3s reg. 10 1/2; U. S. 4s reg. 11 1/2; U. S. 5s reg. 12 1/2; U. S. 6s reg. 13 1/2; U. S. 7s reg. 14 1/2; U. S. 8s reg. 15 1/2; U. S. 9s reg. 16 1/2; U. S. 10s reg. 17 1/2.

Stocks.

Atchafalpa 26; Mo. Pacific 57 1/2; do preferred 62 1/2; Mobile & Ohio 43; Balto. & Ohio 62 1/2; Mo. Kan. & Tex. 11 1/2; Can. Pacific 95 1/2; do preferred 97 1/2; Can. Southern 50; N. J. Central 117.

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Express Companies.

United States 47; Wells Fargo 123.

Miscellaneous.

Table of miscellaneous stock prices including Nat. Biscuit, National Lead, etc.

New York Mining Stocks.

Table of New York mining stock prices including Cholor, Crown Point, etc.

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

CHICAGO—Board of trade markets were dull to-day. Wheat was depressed by their cables and heavy shipments, but the tone was fairly steady. July closing 1/2 down. July corn closed 1/2 lower and July oats 1/2 down. Provisions closed weak, from 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 down in lard to 1 1/2 lower in pork.

Considering the bullish tenor of the foreign news, wheat showed considerable independence early and during the session this spirit was buoyed up by domestic news of another sort. Cables were lower, world's shipments heavy, Russian shipments increasing one million bushels for the week and there was a small increase on passage. Among the news were the Ohio state report making the crop condition of that state 41 per cent, an assertion that the Kansas wheat was turning yellow from too much rain, and a decrease in the visible of 2,647,000 bushels. The range of prices was narrow. There was a fair cash demand and talk of export sales, a firm report on passage, eleven loads sold. A feature was the demand for July at 67c. Several times the market touched that figure, but on each occasion the demand exceeded the supply and slight recoveries followed. The May-July spread at the close was 1 1/2c. The seaboard reported twelve loads taken for export and clearance. July wheat and flour were equal to 247,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 538,000 bushels, compared with 468,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 354 cars, against 561 last week, and 319 a year ago. Local receipts were thirty-four cars, nine of contract grade. July opened 1/2 down Saturday at 67 1/2c, and closed 67 1/2c, and 67 1/2c, and closed down at 67 1/2c.

The corn market was dull and lower, but in the matter of prices steady, following the opening concession dictated by lower cables and reported freer country offerings. While to all appearance no important long lines were thrown into the pit there was considerable selling by bull houses enough to prevent a rally upon the announcement of a visible decrease of 2,781,000 bushels. Some improvement in the shipping demand was reported. Local receipts were 258 cars. July sold from 39 1/2 to 39 1/2c, and closed 39 1/2c to 39 1/2c. At the close the July difference was 7 1/2c.

Oats were dull and easier, influenced by corn. At the bottom the market showed a bit of rallying spirit on buying by shippers. Country offerings were freer and the export demand slow. Receipts here were 123 cars, July sold between 23 1/2 to 23 1/2c, and closed 23 1/2c down at 23 1/2c.

Provisions were weak. The hog market was depressed and long stuff in scattered amounts pressed against the market, meeting almost no support. From the bottom there was a little recovery in buying by packers, but this was on a small scale and the end of the session found the market weaker. July pork sold from \$1 39 1/2 to \$1 39 1/2c, and closed under Saturday at \$1 37 1/2c, and under Saturday at \$1 37 1/2c, and closed under Saturday at \$1 37 1/2c, and closed under Saturday at \$1 37 1/2c.

Articles.

Table of article prices including Wheat No. 2, May, July, etc.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Table of cash quotations including Flour, Wheat, etc.

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Short Ribs—Sides (loose) \$5 40 to \$5 65. Dry salted shoulders (boxed) 6 1/2 to 7. Short clear sides (boxed) 7 1/2 to 8. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4. Sugars—Cultivar 5.00c; granulated 5.40c.

Clover—Contract grade, \$7 00. Butter—Steady; creameries 14 1/2 to 17 1/2; dairies 13 1/2 to 16. Cheese—Dull at 9 1/2 to 11 1/2. Eggs—Steady; fresh 11 1/2 to 14.

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts 23,349 barrels; exports 12,335 barrels; there was a demand for Kansas straights and clears in sacks, but general dullness otherwise, especially in spring wheat.

Wheat, receipts 19,800 bushels; exports 107,670 bushels; spot market steady; No. 2 red 77 1/2c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth 75 1/2c f. o. b. afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Duluth 73 1/2c f. o. b. afloat; options dull and weak; closed weak at 76 1/2c net decline; close: May, 72 1/2c; July, 75 1/2c.

Corn, receipts 273,275 bushels; exports 75,774 bushels; spot market easy; No. 2, 45 1/2c f. o. b. afloat and 44 1/2c elevator; options weak; closed weak at 44 1/2c net decline; close: May, 44 1/2c; July, 44 1/2c; September, 45 1/2c.

Oats, receipts 133,000 bushels; exports 10,500 bushels; spot market dull; No. 2, 28c; No. 3, 27c; No. 3 white 29 1/2c; No. 3 white track mixed western 28c to 29c; track white 29 1/2c; options dull and weak; closing 1/4 lower; No. 2 white oats, May closed at 29c.

Hay, hides and leather steady. Hops quiet. Butter firm. Cheese unsettled. Eggs firm. Tallow inactive. Cottonseed oil steady. Rosin and turpentine quiet. Rice, molasses and peanuts steady.

Coffee, futures opened dull and unchanged; closed dull and unchanged to five points decline; sales, 3,755 bags. Sugar, raw steady; refined quiet.

BALTIMORE—Flour steady; western super \$2 3/4 to \$3; do extra \$2 40 to \$2 50; do family \$3 20 to \$3; winter wheat \$3 50 to \$3 65; spring wheat \$3 75 to \$3 90; spruce wheat, straight, \$3 45 to \$3 60; receipts 17,166 barrels. Wheat steady; spot and May 71 1/2 to 71 1/2c; July, 72 1/2c; receipts 103,265 bushels; exports 285,535 bushels; southern wheat, with sample \$5 7 1/2c; do on grade \$5 7 1/2c.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet; fancy \$3 15 to \$3 20; family, \$2 50 to \$2 55; wheat quiet; No. 2, 42c; No. 3, 41c; No. 2 mixed 42 1/2 to 43c; Oats steady; No. 2 mixed 26c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 61c. Lard easy at \$7 00 to 75. Bulkmeats quiet at \$7 00. Bacon firm at \$8 00. Whiskey firm at \$1 25 1/2. Butter steady. Eggs steady. Lard refined \$4 60 to \$5 30. Eggs quiet at 11c. Cheese steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 11 1/2c.

NEW YORK—Following is the visible supply of grain in store and afloat, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange: Wheat, 40,285,000 bushels; decrease, 2,646,000 bushels. Corn, 18,137,000 bushels; decrease, 2,781,000 bushels. Oats, 7,628,000 bushels; decrease, 949,000 bushels. Rye, 1,147,000 bushels; decrease, 117,000 bushels. Barley, 1,195,000 bushels; increase, 96,000 bushels.

TOLEDO—Wheat dull and lower; No. 2 cash 72c; May 73c. Corn dull and lower; No. 2 cash 49 1/2c. Oats weak and unchanged; No. 2 cash 57c. Cloverseed dull and unchanged to steady; cash prime, old, \$4 75; prime, new, \$5 00; October, \$5 15; No. 2, \$4 30.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO—Cattle, receipts 14,000 head, including 250 Texans; steers 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 higher; butchers' stock active at 10c higher; best on sale to-day, fine country, 17,000 head, and more at \$5 60; good to prime steers \$4 90 to 55c; poor to medium \$4 10 to 75c; selected feeders steady to strong at \$4 25 to 60c; mixed stockers \$3 60 to 65c; cows, \$3 00 to 45c; heifers, \$3 25 to 65c; bulls, \$2 80 to 45c; calves, \$4 25 to 65c. Hogs, receipts to-day, 27,000 head; to-morrow, 18,000 head estimated. Lard over 45c; mixed and butchers \$5 10 to 45c; good to choice heavy \$5 25 to 45c; rough heavy \$5 10 to 20c; light, \$4 50 to 30c; bulk of sales, \$5 20 to 25c. Sheep steady to strong; lambs strong to 10c higher; good to choice wethers \$3 25 to 60c; fair to choice mixed \$4 75 to 65c; western sheep \$4 40 to 60c; yearlings \$3 50 to 60c; native lambs \$5 50 to 75c; western lambs \$6 00 to 75c.

EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; extra \$5 40 to 65c; prime, \$5 20 to 60c; common, \$3 25 to 60c. Hogs lower; extra heavies \$5 40 to 65c; mediums \$5 25 to 60c; heavy Yorkers \$5 25 to 65c; light Yorkers \$5 20 to 65c; pigs, \$4 00 to 65c; roughs, \$3 50 to 75c. Sheep steady; choice wethers \$3 25 to 65c; common, \$2 50 to 60c; choice lambs \$3 25 to 60c; common to good \$3 00 to 65c; veal calves \$6 00 to 65c.

CINCINNATI—Hogs easy at \$4 25 to 65c.

Metals.

NEW YORK—There was considerable irregularity and weakness developed in the market for metals to-day. Cables were of an unsatisfactory purport. Lead, after a prolonged dullness of several months dropped 2 1/2 points to-day, owing to the continued lack of demand, closing weak at \$4 40 1/2 to 45c. Tin in sympathy with lead was weak and somewhat lower, closing weak at \$29 30 to 29 40. Pig iron warrants weak and quoted nominally at \$15 50; northern No. 1 foundry was nominally unchanged at \$21 00 to 25 00. Lake copper continues dull and unchanged at \$17 00. Spelter ruled quiet, closing at \$4 57 1/2 to 64 1/2c. Broker's price for lead was \$4 20, and for copper \$17 00.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK—The week opens with a continued poor demand for descriptions of cotton goods of a seasonable use. The home buying takes in only limited quantities and exporters are still indifferent. Brown sheetings and drills very slow and prices irregular. Bleached cottons inactive, also irregular outside of leading tickets. Coarse colored steady, but not active. Prints inactive, printers making little preparation in dark fancies for fall. Print cloths idle at Fall River. Some sales of other eastern makes of regular print cloths at 5 1/2c. Wide goods easy, but stocks light and prices steady.

Petroleum.

OIL CITY—Credit balances \$1 44; certificates, no bids or offers; shipments, 193,114 barrels; average, 98,321 barrels; runs, 114,622 barrels; average, 84,213 barrels.

NEW YORK—Standard oil stock \$4 00 to 5 45.

TOLEDO—Oil unchanged.

Wool.

NEW YORK—Wool dull.

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Table of railroads including Pennsylvania Stations, Wheeling & Erie, etc.

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RAILWAY TIME CARD. Arrival and departure of trains on and after Nov. 19, 1899. Explanation of Reference Marks: Daily, Daily, except Sunday, Daily, except Mondays and Saturdays, etc.

Table of railway time card including Wheeling & Erie, etc.

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