



ALEXANDRIA, VA. WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 26

FROM WASHINGTON.

Profiting from the lessons of the Spanish-American war, when the shortage of ordnance supply threatened to disable the suddenly enlarged army, the Ordnance Department has attempted to devise a plan to anticipate a sudden call for armament and equipment of a field force. The scheme, as explained in the annual report of the chief of ordnance made public today is a copy of the German system of developing a complete course of procedure on paper brought down to the smallest detail which could be put in motion simply by dispatching certain forms of telegrams and letters. The appropriation for the Ordnance Department does not permit the maintenance of a very large stock supply, and to overcome this handicap the Ordnance Department has drawn up statements of the total ordnance stores on hand at the various arsenals together with estimates of supplies necessary to equip volunteers in multiples of 100,000 men, and also the unit cost of equipment and maintenance of three kinds of soldiers. In this way estimates could be at once supplied to Congress for the additional ordnance supplies required for a volunteer force.

Armed with bitter protests against the "libeling" of the city of Tacoma, Wash., by the publication of a statement alleging General Rivas, chief of police of Havana, when he forced President Gomez to recall Rivas from a ship on which he was about to embark and reinstate him at the head of the police force. It is declared probable that the mysterious "mission" on which Rivas was sent, was in reality a ruse to put him in temporary exile and eliminate him from the elections. There is strong opposition to the reelection of Gomez and it is said that Rivas is not favorable to him. With his control of the police, Rivas might have interfered with the plans of Gomez, it is said, and students of Cuban politics say that his exile would have been most desirable to the Gomez party. The State Department officials declare that they have received no report of the incident, but the news dispatches are attracting much attention in diplomatic circles.

It was learned today that President Taft has decided to appoint William H. Lewis, a negro, of Boston, to be assistant attorney general, and Charles A. Collier, a negro of Toledo, O., to be collector of customs at Honolulu. Lewis is now assistant district attorney at Boston. He is a graduate of Amherst college, where he was captain of the football team. President Taft and Attorney General Wickham have agreed upon him. The position to be given Lewis is said to be the highest ever tendered a negro. He will come to Washington and take up his headquarters at the Department of Justice, as the superior of scores of white officials, clerks and employees. The appointments were not announced at the White House but were made known through an authoritative channel.

Preparatory orders were issued at the War Department today to transfer the 8th Cavalry to service in the Philippines. The regiment sails from Frisco, December 5. Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Ill., had a conference with President Taft today, over patronage in his state. They also discussed candidates for the Commerce Court.

President Taft today promised Theodore Marbury, secretary of the American Society for the settlement of international dispute to attend the annual meeting of that organization, in Washington, December 15-17 and deliver an address.

No more airship flights for Freddie Auburn, who was one of Wellman's crew, if his mother can help it. This declaration was made by Mrs. Annie Aubert who lives in this city. It was learned today that rapid progress has been made in the white slave crusade being conducted jointly through secret agents of the Department of Justice and Commerce and Labor and that developments may be expected soon.

Assurance was given Bishop Stanton of the Methodist Episcopal Church by President Taft today that there would be no change made in the way of appointing chaplains in the army and navy. The present method of filling vacancies to be filled by appointment of the various church denominations. Secretary Knox and MacVeagh were today announced as the administration spell-binders to help pull Ohio into the republican column in November.

Chronic sea-sickness has cost the United States navy an officer. Ruskin Peirce Hall, of Dayton, Ohio who was appointed a mid-shipman August 6, today attended his resignation which was accepted to take effect October 29. Hall is now attached to the U. S. S. Delaware.

Under a special order issued today by Secretary Wilson no milk may be sold upon the premises of the Department of Agriculture unless it is certified, pasteurized or from tuberculin tested cows. This cuts off one milk dealer who has been delivering 300 pint bottles to employes for luncheon. It is one phase of a litter fight for pure milk in the D. C. which is now pending.

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FOUR HUNDRED PERISH

Cloudbursts, Torrential Rains, Eruption of Mount Vesuvius and Tidal Waves Bring Death to Hundreds. Naples, Oct. 26.—The death list as the result of Sunday night's cloudburst, torrential rain, minor eruption of Mount Vesuvius and tidal wave in the Mediterranean increases as reports of the rescuers come in. The minister of marine today sent a message to the king saying that the number of dead is likely to exceed four hundred. The loss to the farmers is incalculable, as all growing crops are completely destroyed and live stock killed in the affected region. Many of the injured suffered for hours in the open under the force of the wind, or were caught under the debris of their wrecked homes.

Besides the damage done on the island, nearly every town in the provinces of Naples and Salerno was more or less seriously damaged. The sea off the coast of Salerno is covered with wreckage, consisting of ruined houses, broken furniture, timber, trees, and the carcasses of animals. Men, women and children trying to escape from the slopes of Mount Vesuvius were overtaken and engulfed by the torrents of flowing mud and ashes. The mud in the valleys is more than 20 feet deep and it is feared there are many bodies buried in it. The inhabitants are so unnerved by the disaster that they sit helplessly about, weeping and yailing and refusing to do anything to help themselves. Pope Pius has directed the clergy to work with the government officials in aiding the sufferers and has also sent money to buy food and medical supplies.

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Every working man, the strike order says, is expected to go to the polls and vote in "united independent political action."

The unique order follows in part: "Be it known by these presents, that the workmen of Pennsylvania, their friends and sympathizers, all being true believers in the democratic principle of popular government, have resolved to inaugurate a state-wide election day strike.

"The purpose of this strike is to restore to the people of Pennsylvania the government of their state. From a political standpoint affairs in our one grand old commonwealth have become a disgrace to twentieth century civilization. The black flag has been hoisted over the ramparts of the money lords of the country, and the only star of hope to check their plundering lies in a true awakening of the people through the force of united independent political action.

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Mr. Field, from the finance committee, made a favorable report on a resolution for the sale by auction on Monday, December 5, 1910, of such property in the city upon which taxes were due and unpaid on the list of last June; also on a resolution directing the corporation attorney to enforce the claims of the city as to taxes due on certain real estate in which the owners or claimants have life interest. The reports were adopted.

Mr. Ballenger introduced a resolution which was passed, providing for an appropriation of \$125 for placing a new tin roof on the Relief truck house. Mr. Ogden introduced a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Streets appropriating \$600 for the construction of cobble gutters with brick centres and to lay a fifteen-inch drain pipe, lay two street crossings and set curbing on Queen street, between Payne and West.

Mr. Summers introduced a resolution which was also referred to the committee on streets appropriating \$600 for the construction of a pipe sewer on Alfred street, between Wolfe and Wilkes.

Mr. Fitzgerald submitted a petition from several residents for a gas light at Duke and Patrick streets. The petition was referred to the committee on light.

The Aldermen concurred in the action of the lower board and all papers sent in except the resolution providing for north Alfred street improvements, which was laid over under the rules.

Council came to order at 8 o'clock. On recommendation of the committee on light, a gas lamp was ordered to be placed at Washington and Madison streets. The same committee recommended a gas light at Fairfax and Wolfe streets, and this was also ordered. The committee on streets reported favorably the curbing and guttering on Alfred street between Queen and Princess and that an appropriation of \$150 be available when the property owners have paid into the city treasury 25 cents per linear foot for their front of the property binding on said street.

On the recommendation of the same committee \$150 was appropriated for crossings at Oronoco and Alfred streets and \$350 was appropriated for gutters on Alfred from Gibbon to Wilkes street. This resolution provided that the roadway be narrowed to 30 feet. Mr. Leadbeater explained that it was the intention of the street committee to narrow the roadway of the street but not near the center parts of the city.

The sum of \$150 was appropriated for curbing walks to the Belle Pre and the Old Dominion Glass Works. The committee on streets (Messrs. Brill and Birrell opposing) recommended the expenditure of \$500 for the tarring of the new roadway on Washington street north of Wythe. Mr. Leadbeater said he recommended this as a measure of economy. He would do this on his own work.

Mr. Birrell said he opposed the measure because he did not think any further money should be spent on a street so thinly built up and so far on the outskirts of the city.

Mr. Marshall had opposed this work right along as he did not think it fair to do so much on the outskirts where the property owners paid no part of the expense.

Mr. Monroe thought the value of this road as an outlet to the county more than justified the cost. Mr. Williams called attention to the road the county has built for the use of the city to the Union Station. He believed the city should meet the county in the same spirit; furthermore the \$3,000 already spent on north Washington street would be largely wasted unless a binder was put on.

Mr. Spinks thought enough money had been spent on this street. The city engineer had told him that this street now was better than the county road for it meets. He believed the \$500 asked for if used on the Columbus street would do no good.

Mr. Swan believed in improving streets near the centre of town, but when an improvement was started it should be properly finished.

Mr. Birrell again took the floor and spoke in opposition to the appropriation. Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Leadbeater asked Mr. Birrell a number of questions. Mr. Leadbeater said that north Columbus street had built up on account of the improvements having been made on that street. He wanted to know why no one asked what proportion of the cost of the improvement when an improvement was ordered on Alfred or any street other than Washington. Mr. Burke said he would vote for this appropriation as the street was needed by the merchants of the city as a northern outlet, though he did not believe any street should be improved unless the property owners paid their share.

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Alexandria, Va., held October 25, 1910, there were present: Hubert Snowden, Esq., President, and Messrs. Leadbeater, Burke, Brumback, Smith, Brill, Williams, Birrell, Monroe, Brockett, Harrison, Swan, Marshall, Spinks and Chantrey.

The Committee on Light recommended that a gas lamp be placed on the corner of Washington and Union streets; and the report was adopted. The Committee on Light recommended that a gas lamp be placed on the corner of Wolfe and Fairfax streets, and the report was adopted.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Streets permission was granted to construct a brick sewer on Alfred street between Wolfe and Wilkes streets, and the report was adopted. The Committee on Streets recommended an appropriation of \$150 to set curb in concrete 27 feet apart, lay vitrified brick gutters, grate and construct broken concrete top coat treated with tar, on Alfred street from the north crossing of Queen street to the north crossing of Princess street, and the report was adopted.

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The Committee on Streets recommended an appropriation of \$150 for four foot walkways on H. C. street north from Oronoco street to the Belle Pre Bottle Company and on Fairfax street north from Princess street to the Old Dominion Glass Company, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Streets recommended an appropriation of \$300 to treat with coal tar the roadway on north Washington street from Wythe street to the railroad track. Messrs. Brill and Birrell of the committee objected to the appropriation. Mr. Leadbeater explained that "the amount be available when the adjoining property owners have contributed the sum of \$20," which was lost—yes 7, no 5, no 0.

Mr. Leadbeater to adopt the report of the Committee was lost—yes 8, no 7, no 0. A resolution from the Clerk of the City School Board, requesting permission to fill vacancies on the board caused by the expiration of the terms of L. Stahler, first ward; W. A. Thomson, second ward; W. J. Boothie, third ward; J. E. Myers, fourth ward; also C. R. Yates, fourth ward, resigned, and W. B. Smoot, fourth ward, who declined to qualify, was received.

A resolution by Mr. Brockett instructing the Health Officer to send a sample of the city water to the Engineer at Richmond for analysis and report the finding to the next meeting of the City Council was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Marshall permission was granted Edward C. Dixon to erect two rooms to residence No. 324 north Patrick street providing there be no objection from adjoining property owners.

A petition from F. H. Rich to erect front dwelling at No. 1011 Oronoco street, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A resolution by Mr. Williams requesting the Committee on Light to consider substituting improved gas light burners in front of the city churches was referred to the committee on light.

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Strictly New. Pruned Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, Raisins, Currants, Figs, Dates, Prunes, Shelled Pecans, Walnuts and Almonds, Extra Large Brazil Nuts, Walnuts and Almonds.

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NOTICE.—Mary Reese, who died recently, left at her home, No. 561 Duke street, a quantity of second-hand clothing, much of which has evidently been left with her for sale. This clothing is now awaiting identification and claim by the owners, and if not identified and claimed by the first day of November it will be sold to help pay the funeral expenses of the deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the estate of MARY E. WOOD, deceased, are requested to present the same, properly authenticated, to the undersigned, at the City of Richmond, Virginia, on or before the 15th day of November next, to which date the same estate is required to make immediate payment.

NOTICE TO STATE TAXPAYERS.—I am now prepared to receive the state taxes for the year 1910. The attention of taxpayers is respectfully called to the importance of paying the same prior to December 1, 1910, as on that date a penalty of five per cent will be added to the amount of tax due, and collection enforced as required by law.

WHITE GIRL desires position as GENERAL HELP in home. Apply 711 King street at once.

FOUND.—AN UMBRELLA which the owner can have by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Inquire at Gazette office.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on MONDAY, November 7, 1910.