

OPERATIONS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Secretary Lamont's Reports Show an Increased Expenditure.

During the Past Year the Expenditures Aggregated Just \$52,000,000.

Important Work of Constructing Needed Coast Defenses Goes Actively On.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 26.—Secretary Lamont's report of the operations of the War Department for 1896 shows total expenditures aggregating nearly \$52,000,000, and an unexpended balance of nearly \$2,000,000 turned back into the treasury at the end of the fiscal year.

On the 1st of July, 1893, of our modern defense but one high-power gun was mounted. By the 1st of July next we will have in position seventy high-power breech-loading guns and ninety-five breech-loading mortars of modern design, and by the following July, on completion of work already under way or provided for, 128 guns and 153 mortars.

The defenses now under consideration are distributed among the ports of Portland, Me.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Boston, Nantuxet Bay, eastern entrance to Long Island Sound, eastern and southern entrances to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Hampton Roads, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Key West, Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, San Diego, San Francisco, the mouth of the Columbia River and Puget Sound. All of these defenses have been located with a view to carrying on the project of the Endicott board of fortifications, organized under the act of Congress of March 3, 1885, as revised by the permanent Board of Engineers.

The total amount appropriated for sea-coast defenses, including cost of sites, fortifications and armament, since the adoption of the present scheme is \$25,457,000. The amount expended to date is \$12,200,000. Before the end of the present year we shall have eleven 12-inch, forty-two 10-inch, eight 8-inch, six rapid-fire guns and 112 mortar emplacements.

By next July there should be completed fourteen 12-inch, forty-six 10-inch, ten 8-inch and twelve rapid-fire guns and 112 mortar emplacements. And by the close of the fiscal year this will be increased to twenty-one 12-inch, sixty-six 10-inch, twenty-five 8-inch and sixteen rapid-fire guns and 156 mortar emplacements.

In the belief that the problem of satisfactory coastal defense has been solved, the Appropriations Committee was informed at the previous session of the present Congress that this department proposed to spend no more money for gun-carriages, but that it would increase the construction of the carriage in as large numbers as the appropriation would admit was immediately undertaken both at the Government carriage-works at Watertown Arsenal and under contract. A still more difficult problem was the design of a disappearing air-around-fire carriage for the 12-inch breech-loading rifle. How difficult a problem it is will appear when it is noted that the carriage must endure without breaking or straining any of its parts the tremendous shock due to the ballistic force necessary to propel a 1000-pound projectile at a velocity of 2100 feet per second, lowering its 52-ton gun for a height of eight feet to secure position for loading and returning it to its firing position, and that it must do this rapidly, certainly and easily, and by mechanism not liable to get out of order and only to be operated by the average soldier.

The technical difficulties involved may perhaps be better appreciated when it is considered that a similar case would be required for the carriage of a 24-inch gun, running at a speed of twenty miles an hour, which is required to be brought to a full stop from this speed within a distance of sixteen feet or one-third of its length, yet so easily and quickly that at the end of the motion there shall not be the slightest jar.

Both these problems, it is believed, have been satisfactorily solved. One twelve-inch air-around-fire carriage and one 24-inch carriage is now under construction, and eight or ten such carriages of similar design are about to be contracted.

Secretary Lamont says his predecessors at the head of the War Department had during many years the difficult task of arousing the public mind to a realization of the National difficulties in the matter of coast defense. The interest which has been awakened has grown deeper each successive year, and the appropriations for the accomplishment of the adopted scheme have become more liberal.

Therefore in submitting the estimates for another year he feels that it is no longer necessary to repeat the arguments that have been reiterated so many times. While earnestly inviting attention to the great work that yet remains to be done it is his fortune to have the more grateful duty of exhibiting the important results that have been actually accomplished, as well as the splendid progress which is now being made toward early completion of the work.

The armaments with the new magazine arm was completed in May and the army is turning out 125 rifles or carbines per day under the appropriation made last year. All the ammunition for the army is now supplied with the tireless powder of American manufacture and of a superior quality.

The total expenditure for river and harbor improvements ordered by Congress during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, including those of the Mississippi and Missouri River Commissions was \$17,039,000. Including the amounts appropriated by the act of June 3, 1896, there was available for expenditure for rivers and harbors July 1, \$26,020,000. The Mississippi River Commission has decided to discontinue the plan to improve the river by bank protection and to adopt the plan of dredging channels in shoal places and maintaining with State and local co-operation, an extensive levee system.

With this change of policy the minority believe the function of the commission is ended, and the work should be turned over to the Secretary of War. As on

THIS MEANS AN EXTRA SESSION

There Is No Chance for the Passage of the Dingley Bill.

Republican Managers Interviewed Cleveland—Learned He Would Veto It.

So Between the Fourth and Tenth of March McKinley Will Call Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 26.—Senator Quay is quoted, as though it was something new, as favoring the passage of the Dingley bill and the consequent avoidance of an extra session of Congress, which view of the Senator was announced in THE CALL nearly three weeks ago when Mr. Quay passed through Washington on his way to Florida. That view is now somewhat modified, however, as the Senator merely says that "if the Dingley bill could be resurrected from its burial-place in a Senatorial committee and enacted into law after the necessary changes, that course would be preferable to an extra assembly of Congress." But it is now well understood that the Dingley bill, even if it pass the Senate and be accepted in its amended form by the House, cannot secure the signature of the chief executive.

The correspondent of THE CALL has exclusive information of some very important developments which have reached a culmination within the last few days with the Committee on Ways and Means, whose Republican membership will remain in the Fifty-fifth Congress as it was in the Fifty-fourth, and is vested with the prerogative of the origination of all revenue measures. That committee is now utterly opposed to the enactment of the Dingley bill into a final law, as it was only intended as an emergency measure for revenue purposes.

Republican members of the committee have not waited for a meeting face to face before deciding upon a programme. They have been in constant communication since the election. They have reached a conclusion that if the Dingley measure be passed in an amended form by the Senate it would be put to sleep in the House. But there is an obstacle even more certain than the opposition of the House managers in the way of the enactment of the Dingley law. The late election brought Republicans into intimate relations with the President, and that intimacy has led to a recent performance that is unique in the history of the American administration.

By the exercise of the most delicate diplomacy the President has been communicated with by Republicans of the House upon the subject of the Dingley bill and the information given formally and positively that the chief executive, to maintain any show of consistency and of devotion to a great principle which was announced in "halycon and vociferous" language would be compelled to veto any such measure as that which passed the House last session.

DESTRUCTION OF A PEORIA HOTEL. There Was Great Consternation Among the Guests, but They Were All Rescued.

PEORIA, ILL., Nov. 26.—Fire, which started near the roof at 9:30 this evening, totally destroyed the Peoria Hotel, causing a loss of \$20,000. An unknown man was rescued from one of the rooms in an unconscious condition, due to smoke.

Immediately the alarm was given to the guests a panic ensued, and for a time it seemed impossible to avoid great loss of life, but through the efforts of the Fire Department and aided by the citizens this was avoided, and as the flames worked their way slowly throughout the entire roof everybody in the building was removed in safety in a short time. The Fire Department, it was thought, had the fire under control, but about two hours after the flames again made their appearance and another alarm was sent, followed soon after by a general call, and in a short time the entire apparatus of the city was working in an effort to stay the flames.

At 12:30 the fire was yet burning and the building is practically ruined. The structure was owned by Mrs. Barnard of Omaha. Bryan Eats Turkey at Home.

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 26.—William Jennings Bryan reached Lincoln from Denver to-day in time to enjoy his Thanksgiving dinner at home with his family and help dispose of a twenty-five pound turkey, which came with the compliments of the Democratic Free-Silver Club of Chicago, Mich. The Bryan home is still quarantined, and friends of the family were unable to call. Ruth Bryan, who is suffering from diphtheria, is mending slowly. Aside from attending to his correspondence, which is large and working some on his book, Mr. Bryan has no plans for the immediate future. He has not yet announced the topic for his lecture series.

Ohio's New Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 26.—To-day a telegram was received from the Ohioan legation at Paris which announced that President Erasmus had formed a Cabinet consisting of the following gentlemen: Minister of the Interior, Carlos Antunes; Minister of Foreign Relations, Carlos Moria; Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, Puga Barrie; Minister of Finance, Sotomayor; Minister of War and Navy, Elias Fernandez de la Haza; Minister of Public Works and Industry, Francisco Borja Valdez. No mention was made in the dispatch of existing nor anticipated trouble, as would the legation officials say, have been made, were such the fact.

To Examine Forsyth's Condition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 26.—Secretary Lamont yesterday appointed a board to consist of Brigadier-General George M. Sternburg, surgeon-general, Lieutenant-Colonel William H. Forwood, deputy surgeon-general, and Lieutenant Colonel David L. Huntington, deputy surgeon-general, to meet in this city, as soon as practicable to examine into and report upon the mental condition of Lieutenant-Colonel George A. Forsyth, U. S. A. The report of the board will be forwarded to the adjutant-general of the army.

Hamburg's Dock Strike.

HAMBURG, GERMANY, Nov. 26.—The total number of dock laborers on strike here is 8000. These have been joined by the lighter men. Ships are arriving from England and Sweden bringing men to replace the strikers. All port laborers in Bremen are idle. The dock men at Kiel will strike to-morrow.

Keane to Confer With Gibbons.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 26.—It is officially announced that Bishop Keane, on his way to Rome, will stop over at Baltimore for a conference with Cardinal Gibbons.

EARL RUSSELL ON THE STAND.

Denounces the Charge of a Most Peculiar Nature Against Him as "Filthy Lies."

LONDON, ENG., Nov. 26.—The trial of Lady Scott was continued in the Continental Criminal Court to-day with Earl Russell on the witness-stand. Counsel for Lady Scott received a letter written by Lady Cardigan to Countess Russell, in which the writer asked, "Do you know that Earl Russell was expelled from Oxford for malpractices, and are you also aware that he was guilty of misconduct with a Chinaman, who was afterwards shipped to China?" Earl Russell said he had not the slightest foundation for the story of witness' misconduct with the lad.

Counselor Hall next examined Lord Russell on behalf of the male defendants. The Earl said that Ion Thynne, who slept in his (Russell's) cabin on board the yacht, could disprove Kast's story, but he had gone to South America, having sailed about six weeks ago. Thynne had been subpoenaed as a witness in this case, but he could not delay his departure for South America, as his child was ill, and it was necessary that he should be taken away at once.

In continuation of his cross-examination the Earl admitted that Aylott had slept in his cabin. Aylott was a notorious liar, but witness had nevertheless given him a good character when he left his service. The whole of Aylott's statement, Earl Russell said, was one filthy lie. None of the male defendants, Lord Russell admitted, had ever attempted to blackmail him.

Sir Frank Lockwood, Q. C., for the prosecution, re-examined Earl Russell, who, in answer to questions, said that Lady Scott had not objected to the tone of the letters which he had written to her. Counsel proceeded to read a number of letters written to Earl Russell by Lady Scott, all of which were couched in the most affectionate terms, after which the trial was adjourned until to-morrow.

BEHIND MENACE TO PEACE.

President Sams' Policy Likely to Cause Another Revolt.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Nov. 26.—Hayti seems doomed not to continue peace for any length of time. Apparently well authenticated reports have reached the Haytian colony here of troubles brewing in political circles that may break into open hostilities at any moment. The fact is that the unpopular policy which the Government of President Simon Sams has already achieved is beginning to develop into a serious menace to the peace of his administration.

Exchanged Harmsless Shots.

LONDON, ENG., Nov. 26.—A dispatch to the Telegraph says that the Marquis de Montmort and an American named J. A. Hutchinson became involved in a violent dispute a short time ago, which resulted in a challenge to fight a duel being sent and accepted. The duelists met to-day at Maison Laite, a short distance from Paris, and exchanged shots from pistols at twenty-five paces. Neither of the men was injured.

Fatal Flood in Greece.

ATHENS, GREECE, Nov. 26.—Heavy rains have caused floods in the Ilissus and Cephissus. Much damage has been done to houses and other property, especially at the Piræus. The railways have been submerged and traffic generally impeded. Hundreds of persons have been imprisoned in factories by the rising waters. It is known that thus far nine persons have been drowned. Many are missing and it is feared they have perished.

In the Hungarian Diet.

BUDA-PESTH, HUNGARY, Nov. 26.—Emperor Francis Joseph, King of Hungary, in his speech opening the Hungarian Diet to-day, said the highly important financial interest affecting the position of Austro-Hungary in Europe renders it desirable that the economic and financial relations of the two divisions of the monarchy be settled without delay.

Pacific Cable Conference.

LONDON, ENG., Nov. 26.—The Pacific cable conference which has been in session daily since Sunday adjourned to-day until December 13. The proceedings were preliminary.

PHILIPPINE INSURGENTS ROUTED.

MADRID, SPAIN, Nov. 26.—A dispatch from Manila says the Spanish troops under Major Arago defeated a body of Philippine insurgents, whose losses killed and wounded were upward of 200 men.

A Terrific Storm Prevails.

TRIESTE, AUSTRIA, Nov. 26.—A terrific storm is prevailing here, preventing vessels from entering or leaving the harbor. Many houses have been unroofed or seriously damaged.

Death of a French Statesman.

PARIS, FRANCE, Nov. 26.—M. Francis Victor Emmanuel Agro, the celebrated advocate and politician, a member of the French Senate, is dead.

Thirty Miners Killed.

BRESLAU, GERMANY, Nov. 26.—News-papers publish an account of a colliery disaster at Zanzonze, Russian Poland, in which thirty miners were killed.

Fire in a Factory.

LONDON, ENG., Nov. 26.—The factory and warehouse at Barrow of Axtell and Grass was damaged by fire to the extent of \$30,000 to-day.

Sir Frederick Broome Dead.

LONDON, ENG., Nov. 26.—Sir Frederick Napier Broome, K. C., M. G., died at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Ran Across Country.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Nov. 26.—The annual five-mile run across country team run was run this afternoon and Pennsylvania scored 24 points to Cornell's 12. Cornell won the race last year and Pennsylvania was represented by Davidson, Torrence, Schriver and Barrett and Pennsylvania by Orson (the champion mile runner), Grant, Leaching and Coates. The result was decided on points.

He Knew Better.

A rich man died, leaving his property to be divided between his three sons, but they were each to put \$20 in the coffin to be buried with him. The first one put his twenty sovereigns in and the second put in two £10 notes, but the third knew a trick worth two, so he wrote out a check for £60 and took the other £40 for change—Spare Moments.

NEW TO-DAY.

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Howard-Street Residence. East line (No. 2107) of Howard St. 135 feet south of Devisadero street; modern bay-window residence of ten rooms and bath; in elegant condition; choice neighborhood; cement walk; basement rock in street. Howard-street cars. Lot 25x110 feet.

Western Addition Residence. North line (No. 924) Page 106.8 feet east of Devisadero street; modern bay-window residence of 9 rooms, bath, basement and conservatory; newly painted and in good condition; brick foundation; street access; artificial stone sidewalk; Devisadero, Haight and Page street cars; lot 25x137.5 feet.

Castro Heights Residence. West line (No. 1020) Castro street, 155 feet south of 23d; modern 2-story bay-window residence of 8 rooms and bath; all in fine condition; Castro-street cars pass the door; 24th-st. cars one block.

Mission Coal-yard and Cottage. West line (No. 1310) of Church St., 89 feet south of 25th; cottage 4 rooms, with basement for office; lot blacked for coal yard; street to be complete on Mission street; good will of business goes with this property; just the place for law, grain and coal business or contractor; lot 25x102 feet.

Mission Cozy Residence. South line (No. 447) of Jersey St., 85 feet east of Castro; 2-story bay-window residence of 8 rooms and bath; in fine condition; in fine condition.

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