

STAMP WITH CARE.

Stamp in the Presence of the Bank Cashier.

You May Have to go to Jail Unless You Post Yourself By Reading This.

On to-day July 1, the new revenue law becomes effective and there has been a rush of business men to procure stamps, so that they will not be hampered in their transactions.

Documentary Stamps.

All checks given in bank must bear a two-cent international revenue stamp. Postage stamps can not be used. The Government may temporarily use postage stamps until the other kind are finished, but will mark them I. R. (international revenue). Parties can not do this. Hopkinsville banks will dishonor every check not bearing the revenue stamp.

The initials of the party giving the check must be written on the stamp and the date of signature, when affixing it to the check. That is the way prescribed to cancel it. Unless the law is complied with in this respect parties giving checks will find that they are dishonored by the banks, and that they themselves are subject to fine and imprisonment. Unstamped checks and stamps uncanceled, and on checks render the checks valueless as records in court or as evidence.

All drafts, certificates of deposit, other than at sight or demand, or promissory notes for less than \$100, must bear a two-cent stamp. All similar documents for \$100 and more must also bear a two-cent stamp. On all stocks offered as collateral notes now held, a two-cent stamp is required on each \$100 face value of stock. All persons buying stock must pay a tax of \$2 for each 100 shares.

Other documents which, under the new law, must be stamped are as follows:

Bonds, debentures or certificates of indebtedness, five cents on each \$100 or fraction.

Bill or memorandum of sale, or agreement to sell at any Board of Trade or similar place, one cent per \$100 or fraction.

Bills of exchange (foreign), letters of credit, four cents per each \$100 or fraction, if drawn singly; if in sets, two cents for each bill of less than \$100 and two cents more for each additional \$100 or fraction.

Bills of Lading.

Railroad and steamship companies are, under the law, required to stamp one bill of lading for each shipment received, but parties wanting duplicates must pay for the stamps to go on them. Bills of lading, etc., must be stamped as follows:

Bills of lading for export, ten cents.

Bills of lading for domestic use, one cent.

Indemnifying bonds, fifty cents.

Certificates of profit and transfers, two cents on each \$100.

Certificates of damage or otherwise issued by any port warden or marine surveyor, twenty-five cents.

Certificates of any other description, ten cents.

Telegraph Stamps.

All telegraph messages must bear a one-cent revenue stamp, and the initials of the sender of the message must be written across the face of the stamp in order to conceal it. These stamps will be kept on sale at telegraph offices, and can be procured from the Collector of Internal Revenue by business men who prefer to affix their own stamps, and have messengers call for their telegrams. The telegraph companies will not pay for the one-cent stamps. They will simply keep them as an accommodation to their patrons.

In the case of telephone companies, they will be required to make monthly returns of all messages.

—Paducah, Henderson, Lexington and Owensboro belong to the Southern bicycle racing circuit.

—The tenth annual meeting of the Kentucky Chautauqua Assembly begins at Lexington to-night.

—Cave City Democrats have endorsed Gen. Joseph H. Lewis for Governor and are urging him to make the race.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

How Russia Has Increased Her Military and Naval Strength.

Constant and Large Additions Made During the Past Decade—Ready to Cope with Any Enemy That May Arise.

The Russian army has been almost doubled since the last Turkish war, while the general staff has been increased by more than two-thirds. The three western frontier districts, Vinnia, Kieff and Warsaw, now have 334 battalions, 306 squadrons and 232 batteries, with 2,070 guns, all on a war footing, or about six-sevenths of all the infantry and five-sixths of all the cavalry and infantry which Germany keeps up in time of peace. Russia is attaching more and more value to cavalry, and has already 23 divisions, whereas Germany has only one cavalry division of the guards in peace time. At the end of last year the cavalry divisions quartered round Warsaw were united to form an army corps, and the war office means to extend the system. In its opinion the value of vast bodies of cavalry, such as were used in the American war, is very great, and 120 squadrons take place in the maneuvers. The Germans, however, appear to be giving up the employment of large masses of cavalry. The Russian cavalry is equipped and drilled accordingly. Except the two cavalry divisions of the guards, which still have cuirassiers, Uhlans and hussars, it consists almost entirely of Cossacks and dragoons, who receive an excellent training as infantry as well, to enable them to advance as rapidly, independently and vigorously as possible. Some of them have even been supplied with bayonets as an experiment. The Russian frontier guard of 30,000 men includes 10,000 horse soldiers. Both men and horses are excellent and admirably trained. On the other hand, it is a distinct advantage that the Cossacks and some of the other cavalry regiments can only ride at a quick trot, which would entail heavy



LIEUT. GEN. KUROPATKIN. (Organizer of the Russian Army and Minister of War.)

losses in long distance attacks on modern artillery and infantry. This disadvantage will be considerably intensified by the proposed union of Cossacks and other cavalry in one division, for the latter can ride the "field gallop" of 550 paces a minute.

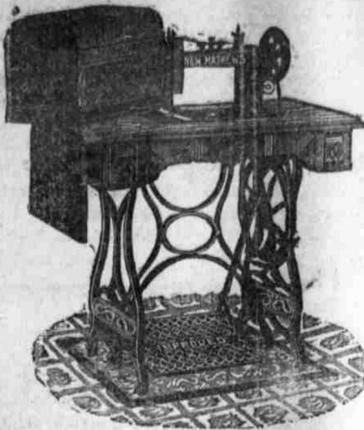
The Russian navy budget for 1898 amounts to 671,000,000 rubles for general expenses, 195,000,000—including the 90,000,000 recently assigned—for new ships; 11,200,000 for putting ships into commission and 5,700,000 for the improvement of the harbor at Libau. The considerable outlay on the widening of the naval harbor at Sebastopol and for building or improving other harbors is not included. The Pacific squadron is to have nine cruisers, two torpedo cruisers, and seven sea-going gunboats; the Mediterranean squadron three large iron-clads, one torpedo cruiser, two sea-going gunboats and two torpedo boats; the Black sea squadron, six large iron-clads, one cruiser, three torpedo cruisers, six torpedo boats, three training ships and three transports; the Baltic squadron, four large and eight coast iron-clads, six cruisers, three gunboats and 47 torpedo boats. The czar's yacht and several other vessels for special purposes are not included. The new Russian iron-clad type is a compromise between an iron-clad and an armor-plated cruiser. The length will be 425½ feet, beam, 71½ and draught 26. The vessel will have triple screws, 14,500 horse power, and a speed of 18 knots, 4 10-inch and 11 6-inch guns, 16 3-inch guns, and 28 smaller quick-firers. Thirty-two new torpedo boats for the Baltic and Pacific fleets are building in Russia. The Arctic division of the Baltic fleet will no longer winter in the Baltic ports, but in the ice-free harbor of Ekaterina, on the Murman coast of the peninsula of Kola. The bay on which Ekaterina lies is about 2½ kilometers long, 570 meters broad and 40 deep. It has good anchorages, and, owing to the gulf stream, seldom freezes, except for a few days in February. The harbor was begun in 1896, and a stone pier 560 meters long, a railway of about 1,370 meters and a lighthouse were finished at the end of last summer. At the same time a town was planned in a sheltered valley, and now has public buildings and schools, a telegraph and telephone, and is connected with the harbor by the railway. The seat of the administration has been transferred thither from Kola, and the place is certain to grow quickly when the railway to St. Petersburg, which has just been begun, is finished. It is already connected by telegraph with St. Petersburg, Archangel and Norway.

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