

FIELD ARTILLERY NEEDED

Secretary of War Calls for Increase in This Branch of Service.

RECOMMENDS ARMY RESERVE

Defects in Present System of Enrollment Are Pointed Out—Post Problem Will Be Considered Later.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Secretary Garrison's first annual report to the president, as head of the War department, makes no recommendations for the generally expected reorganization of army posts to distribute troops in mobile units. The secretary says that other things of immediate importance, particularly an adequate supply of field artillery, will postpone his recommendations to congress, but in the meantime the troops will be garrisoned in as practical a manner for mobilization as is possible.

"Reserve" is Rather Light.

Discussing the army reserve, the secretary says: "The adjutant general reports that approximately 21,000 men enlisted in the army between November 1, 1912, and August 31, 1913, and of this number sixty-one made application to be transferred to the reserve at the expiration of three years' service, and that on the date last named the reserve consisted of eight men."

"I found from a personal trip to most of the army posts and from interviewing as many of the officers and men as I could that the men were dissatisfied with the present enlistment contract. It does not seem worth while to discuss whether their dissatisfaction is well founded or not since it exists, and we must devise some method to deal with it. The reserve seems to be a very important part of the army, and I understand that congress is favorable to a reserve. One trouble with the present law undoubtedly is that it does not offer as great a financial inducement to the man who enlists so as to pass into the reserve as it does to the one who does not so enlist, particularly during the first six years of his service."

"From the most careful consideration that I have been able to give this subject I have reached the conclusion that we will be able to get a reserve, if one is obtainable at all, by a provision of law that will permit the department when it is satisfied as to the proficiency of the soldier to honorably discharge him with no other obligation on his part, as far as the balance of his enlistment is concerned, except to return to the colors in case of war. The brevity of my allusion to this subject in this report is not because of its slight importance, the fact being that I think it of the very greatest importance, but because the details will have to be worked out after the most careful consideration of congress."

Not Ready to Disarm. Commending the work of the general staff, the Army War College and officers generally for their establishment of a definite national military policy and the commencement of military training, the secretary says:

"As a peaceful and unarmy people engaged in the settlement and upbuilding of our vast territory, and in the development of the wonderful resources with which it abounds, we are but dimly impressed with the fact that just as agriculture and commerce are the foundations of our great national prosperity, so with equal truth our military and naval forces are its bulwark and defense. While I believe there is a world-wide and growing sentiment for the settlement without bloodshed of all disputes between nations, just as even now there is provision of law for such settlement of difficulties between individuals, I recognize the fact that the time has not yet come when a nation can wisely disarm or slacken its efforts for preparedness in case of war. The army is not a luxury—it is a public necessity. A nation that is opulent, enterprising and unarmed, as of old, still invites aggression if not disaster. Speaking for that element of the national forces which comes under the control of this department, I hope to see in time of peace a growing sentiment of increased pride in our army that will make the uniform of officer and enlisted men respected all ways and everywhere and not an object of curiosity or invidious discrimination."

Along the Border.

The Mexican border patrol the secretary discusses at some length.

"At the date of the last annual report there were on duty in connection with the patrol of the Mexican border approximately 6,754 officers and enlisted men. The present strength is about the same, but largely composed of different organizations."

"An extensive patrol has been continuously maintained by these troops from the Gulf of Mexico to Sonora, thirty miles west of Nogales, Ariz., a distance, following the windings of the frontier, of some 1,600 miles. Throughout this stretch of territory our troops have protected the border from incursions by individuals or small raiding parties from Mexico, have been continually on the alert to prevent violations of the neutrality laws and have acted in conjunction with the civil authorities to prevent illegal importations of arms and ammunition into Mexico in violation of the president's proclamation of March 14, 1912."

"The duty of our troops at border towns during the conflicts between the two contending Mexican factions was of a most trying nature, and the conduct of the troops under the circumstances, and the exercise of good judgment and self-restraint on the part of commanding officers are highly creditable."

Vacancies and Desertions.

There were 9,489 vacancies in the enlisted strength of the regular army at the end of the last fiscal year, when its actual strength was 97,896, and the desertions numbered 4,811, which was 4.15 per cent of the whole number of enlistments. Though larger than the percentage for the three preceding years, that was yet smaller than the percentage for any other year since 1901. The secretary feels that

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a close and sympathetic relationship between the officers and men will surely tend to lessen desertion and he is personally devoting as much of his time as he can to the enlisted men—literally the backbone of the army—and all that concerns him.

The joint encampments of the army and college students were highly successful. It is said that they foster a patriotic spirit and spread among its citizens a more thorough knowledge of military history, policy and needs, all necessary to the complete education of a well-equipped citizen, in order that he may himself form correct opinions on military topics.

Open West Point Wides. Mr. Garrison recommends that in justice to the "hundreds of eager boys" who cannot get appointments now, West Point should be opened to the widest competition, so that any boy may take the examinations with the condition that if no candidate from the particular congressional district in which there is a vacancy should qualify, the candidate who passed highest from some other district where there was no vacancy should receive the appointment.

The secretary refers to the attempt to stamp out slavery in the Philippines and declares that if the existing law is inadequate it should be strengthened and if adequate it should be enforced.

The turning over of the Philippine commission to native control, he says "the step which has now been taken will be carefully observed. Those best acquainted with the conditions in the islands anticipate no evil consequences."

The Yellow Peril.

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State School Money is Apportioned to Nebraska Counties

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—State Superintendent James E. Datsell has prepared the school apportionment for the second half of the year.

Following is the entire state apportionment:

Table with columns: Name, No. of Scholars, Amount. Lists counties from Adams to Wheeler with their respective scholar counts and apportioned amounts.

dead man to court to establish the identity of the murdered man. Mrs. Grotte, daughter of Johnson by a former wife, testified that the head was that of her father, and she nearly fainted in court while testifying. She said the last time she saw him alive was on August 27. The case will be continued tomorrow.

Boys' Acre Contest Prizes Are Given

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—For three years past the State Board of Agriculture has been carrying on a boys' acre corn contest with good results. Two years ago the state agricultural farm started a similar contest, and in order that the farm may have the entire field, this year was the last that the Board of Agriculture will hold a contest. A peculiarity of the two contests is that Jesse Correll of Cambridge entered for both contests and won first prize in both. Below are given the prizes won in the State Agricultural Board's contest:

Table with columns: Name, Bu. Libs. Prem. Lists winners and prize amounts for the State Agricultural Board's contest.

Warrants for these premiums have been drawn by Secretary Mellor and are being sent to the winners. The prizes are paid out of state fair earnings.

Surgical Case is Taken to the Wrong Doctor; Suit Follows

Justice of the Peace H. H. Claiborne is engaged in trying to untangle the details of a controversy that has resulted because an Omaha surgeon recently performed an operation that was intended by the patient as a case for another surgeon of a similar name. "Mistaken identity" is responsible for the litigation.

The case is that of Dr. C. H. Newell of Omaha against Carl Hollander of Scribner, Neb. Several weeks ago the defendant's daughter, Emma Hollander, was taken ill. She was taken to Dr. Bartlett at Scribner. He advised that the patient be brought to Omaha for an operation and recommended Dr. Bernard McDermott. A letter to Dr. McDermott was given the patient.

According to the testimony of the defendant, the letter was, by mistake, taken to Dr. Stewart B. McDermod. He, it is alleged, read the letter, and then turned the case over to Dr. Newell, who, on December 4, operated upon Miss Hollander at Nicholas Senz hospital.

Mr. Hollander gave Dr. Newell a check for \$125 for his services, but he stopped payment on the instrument when he learned that the letter from the doctor at Scribner had been delivered to the wrong man in Omaha. Dr. Newell seeks to recover the \$125.

NEW UNION PACIFIC LINE SHOWS WHAT IT'S WORTH

During the recent blizzard and heavy fall of snow through western Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming, the Union Pacific pretty conclusively demonstrated the practicability and worth of its Gibbon cut-off, finished last fall and put in operation. This cut-off is a short line of road built from Gibbon on the main line, twenty-eight miles across the country to Hastings, the service starting at Kearney, thirteen miles west of Gibbon.

From Denver trains came out over the Julesburg cut-off to Julesburg, where they came over the main line to Kearney, thence over the Gibbon cut-off to

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