

TURKEY DINNER IN LONDON

American Society Fittingly Celebrates Thanksgiving Day.

BAYARD IS UNFORTUNATELY ABSENT

United States Ambassador Dines with the Queen at Windsor, but His Name is Placed by All the Speakers.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The second Thanksgiving dinner of the American society took place this evening in the grand hall of the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Henry S. Welcome, chairman of the society, presided in the absence of the British ambassador, who, with Mrs. Bayard, was "commanded" to dine with the queen at Windsor castle.

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WEYLER STARVES DAY AND A HALF

Without Food for Thirty-Six Hours After the Big Battle.

HAVANA, Nov. 26.—It appears that after the engagement fought in the Rubi hills between the Spanish forces under Captain General Weyler and the insurgents under Maceo, the Spanish commander-in-chief and his staff were without provisions for thirty-six hours. The train with the supplies on board was detained, but General Weyler would not allow its arrival and urged his troops onward regardless of the absence of the provisions train.

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LARGER ARTILLERY FORCE

Secretary Lamont Wishes an Increase in One Particular Only.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—In his annual report, which was made public today, Secretary Lamont renews his previous recommendation that the infantry be reorganized on the general idea of three light and mobile battalions of four companies each to the regiment, instead of the cumbersome ten companies, a formation adopted a century ago and abandoned by other nations since the development of modern magazine rifles; and he quotes General Sherman, Sheridan and Lieutenant General Schofield in support of the necessity of the reorganization of the infantry. The completion of some coast defenses and the approaching completion of other modern batteries render necessary a larger force of artillery, but no other increase of the army is asked for. The plan of reorganization involves 100 distinct batteries in over twenty regiments.

Investigation this year has shown serious deficiencies in the arms and equipments of the state militia. When the states furnish the armories and defray all expenses incidental to keeping their forces in training, Secretary Lamont suggests that the United States should provide the Springfield rifles, which they will need in active service—arms and field equipments—as the surplus on hand is totally inadequate for serious and prolonged field operations. The secretary recommends that the Springfield rifle, caliber .45, be issued to state troops, complete arms and equipments to be sold and the proceeds credited to the states, and that the states be allowed to purchase the department supplies at regulation prices.

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WILL NOT INVESTIGATE SPOFFORD

Joint Congressional Library Committee Sees No Shortage.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The joint congressional library committee has decided not to investigate the accounts of Librarian Spofford. When the committee was appointed it was understood it would be optional with it to go into the question of the accounts, and the committee for some days has had under consideration the advisability of investigating the charges of irregularity made against Spofford a year ago. The question was taken up in secret session yesterday, and, after an exchange of views covering two hours, a decision was reached to allow the matter to rest where it was left by the treasury department. Said a member of the committee today: "We should have gone into the investigation if there had been anything to investigate. But we have satisfied ourselves that Mr. Spofford owes the government nothing. It is true there is a discrepancy in his accounts amounting to about \$200,000, but this is due to his method of bookkeeping. This money from the beginning was in a government depository, but it was there with the intention of being turned over to the treasury. This leaves a shortage, and, satisfied as we are that there was no intention of wrong doing, we have concluded not to investigate the matter. It is the opinion of the committee that the trouble was due to the complication of duties imposed upon Spofford, and that, if he had, by some means, been relieved of the duties, the trouble would not have occurred. Mr. Spofford has requested that this be done, and that we should grant the request."

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WORK OF THE STORM KING

Telegraphic Communication with Western Nebraska Practically Cut Off.

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