

COAST DEFENSE PROGRESSES

Official Report Shows Coast Gradually Approaching Invulnerable State.

STILL MUCH YET REMAINS TO BE DONE

More Guns and Mortars and Further Sites Are Required to Remove All Danger of Attacks by Sea.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The annual report of General G. L. Gillespie, chief of engineers of the United States army, presents a comprehensive view of the condition of fortifications throughout the country.

With reference to the last mentioned plans the opinion is given that construction should begin at an early day.

It is believed, the report continues, "that the time has come when it will be no longer possible to ignore the question of insular defenses. The navy department is properly insisting that all the important coaling stations should receive proper protection."

WANTS BOARD APPOINTED.

With regard to defenses for coaling stations the suggestion is made that in view of changes in the construction of ordnance and ships congress should make provision for the appointment of a tribunal similar to the Edcott board of 1888 for the determination of details.

Somewhat more than 50 per cent of the coast defenses are now completed, twenty-five of the principal harbors have a sufficient number of heavy guns and mortars to permit an effective defense against naval attack and during the past two years considerable progress has been made in the installation of rapid-fire armament, now the matter of first choice.

The existing projects comprise 356 heavy guns of 8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch calibers, 1,294 rapid-fire guns from 2.4 inch to 4-inch caliber and 544 mortars.

Provision has been made for placing 371 heavy guns, 483 rapid-fire guns and 275 12-inch mortars. During the year the addition to the completed armament of the coast amounted to eight 12-inch guns, three 8-inch guns, 20 rapid-fire guns and 34 mortars.

Report is made of sites purchased during the year and an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of securing still other sites for a gunning expedition, an important site yet to be acquired is one at the southern entrance to New York harbor, made necessary by the deep water improvements now in progress.

PRESIDENT TAKES AN OUTING

Makes a Short Trip into Virginia to Get Benefit of Few Days' Rest.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by Mr. Root, Mr. Cortelyou and Surgeon General Rixey of the navy, left here at 9 o'clock tonight on a special train for a gunning expedition to Manassas, Va.

At Manassas the train will be sidetracked and tomorrow the party will shoot over the farm of Mr. Rixey, a brother of the surgeon general. The train consisted of three cars.

A stenographer, two secret service men and two servants are with the party. The president reached the station fifteen minutes ahead of train time and went once to his car. He was in ordinary street dress, except that he wore a comfortable light slouch hat, suitable for traveling.

On Monday the party will return to Washington and proceed immediately to Oyster Bay, where the president will cast his vote on Tuesday.

IS GRANITE A MINERAL?

Supreme Court Hears Test Case Concerning Northern Pacific Land Grant.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The supreme court of the United States today began hearing arguments in the case of the Northern Pacific against J. A. Soderberg. The suit involves a controversy over land within the land grant of the railroad company.

GERMANY FINANCIAL POWER

Has Immense Investments in Foreign Countries All Over Globe.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Consul Winter, who is stationed at Annaberg, says \$2,000,000,000 of German capital is invested in the United States and Mexico.

ROOSEVELT THANKS WORKMEN

Kindly Greeting by President of Men Who Have Been Working on White House.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—After breakfast at the White House today President Roosevelt informally received 101 of the mechanics and laborers who have been engaged upon the repairs of the mansion.

EDUCATION IS OF NO BENEFIT

Indians in Oklahoma Do Not Profit by Advantages Offered.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—A severe arraignment of the Indians on the Ponca, Otoe and Oakland reservations in Oklahoma is made by Agent Erwin, in charge of the reservation, in his annual report to the commissioner of Indian affairs. The report says:

Hardly any of the young Indians, those who have graduated from nonreservation schools as well as those who have attended for number of years, do any work at all. It can be set down as a perfectly safe rule that as a class the young educated Indians are the most worthless ones in the whole tribe. Nearly all of the work done by the tribes is performed by the middle-aged, able-bodied ones who cannot write or speak English.

The educated Indian, coming from the schools, usually gives the excuse that he has nothing with which to work, neither money, implements nor stock of any kind. This is true, but I notice that they manage to live on their annuities and lease money and buy horses, harness, etc., on credit and borrow money from the banks with very little prospect of ever being able to pay their debts.

Any able-bodied man or woman is able to obtain work at fair wages. Many of the people are addicted to drink and both men and women are inveterate gamblers. They have practically nothing to do. Their days are spent in almost utter idleness and vice and delinquency are rampant.

The degradation of these people will continue and increase until they are made to work and live by the result of their labors. As a remedy for this condition of affairs the agent recommends that the Indian children be educated only at reservation boarding schools, further education being 90 per cent waste of effort and money; that the schools under the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma government be established among those Indians so that the latter can come into constant contact with white children, and that the payments by the government from their trust funds now in the United States treasury be used to enable them to start in farming and stock raising.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Mosby Report Will Not Be Passed Upon Until After Secretary's Return.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—All pending matters in the interior department requiring final decision by the secretary will go over till after election, as Mr. Hitchcock will leave for St. Louis tomorrow to cast his vote next Tuesday.

The report of Colonel Mosby on the alleged illegal occupancy of the public domain by cattlemen has not yet been acted upon by the secretary and the questions involved will not be settled until Mr. Hitchcock's return.

Rural free delivery routes will be established on December 1 as follows: Iowa—Gilbert station, Story county, one route; area covered, twenty square miles; population 2,000. Vinson, Benton county, three additional routes; area covered, seventy-four square miles; population served, 1,207. South Dakota—Twinbrooks, Grant county, one route; area covered, forty square miles; population served, 525.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the Importers and Traders National bank of New York, the National Bank of Commerce and First National bank of Minneapolis as reserve agents for the first National bank of Milbank, S. D.

NEBRASKA ARMOR IS TESTED

Projectile Penetrates Only Three Inches, Though Ten-Inch Gun is Used.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—During the week there have been two tests of armor plate at Indian Head.

The first was made with six-inch projectiles on triangular six-inch Krupp plate to be used on Colorado, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. Three shots were fired. The greatest striking velocity was 1,915 feet per second. The armor was penetrated only about two inches.

The other was with eleven-inch Krupp plate to be used as side armor for the battleship Nebraska. In this instance a ten-inch gun was used, and the penetration was three inches.

The navy department is now receiving consignments of armor considerably in advance of the demand.

NAVAL HERO IS DISABLED

Lieutenant Winship, Who Saved Day in Philippines, Laid Up with Rheumatism.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Lieutenant Emory Winship, attached to the flagship Iowa, has been condemned by medical survey, on account of rheumatism, and transferred to the British hospital at Montevideo.

He was one of the heroes of the naval campaign in the Philippines and was advanced several numbers for distinguished conduct in action. He now carries five Mauser bullets in his body, three in his right leg, one in his left leg and one in his left hip, received while operating an automobile gun in a small steam launch.

COLOMBIA ASKED TO HURRY

May Used No Threats Concerning Treaty, but Suggested Its Early Completion.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—From trustworthy sources it is learned that the note Secretary Hay sent to Minister Hart at Bogota on Tuesday was not as emphatic as at first supposed.

It is said to have contained nothing which might be construed as a threat or as protesting against Minister Cocha's action in postponing the treaty negotiations. On the contrary, it was friendly and urged Minister Hart to use his best endeavors to induce the Colombian government to proceed with the negotiations without further delay.

DRUNKARD GETS YEAR'S PAY

Lieutenant Retired When Doctors Diagnose Heart Disease for Heavy Drinker.

Nebraska Clothing Co. Corner 15th and Farnam

EXTRA SPECIAL Men's Suits 13.50 Men's O'coats 10.00



If YOU want to see your money do the best work it ever did in a clothing store just spend it for one of the New Suits which we place on sale today at \$13.50.

If you want to see \$10 do the work of \$15, just exchange it for one of those grand Oxford overcoats we are selling for a ten dollar bill. There isn't another store in the clothing business ANYWHERE that will sell you suits like these for less than \$18 or an overcoat like these for less than \$15.

Children's Specials for Saturday

Saturday we want to call your attention to our children's clothing section, and emphasize the fact that the "Nebraska" is the only store that gives careful and well directed effort towards this important branch of the clothing business.

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NORFOLKS—Double-Breasted and Three-Piece Suits—Genuine imported Scotch homespun, chevots, English worsted, domestic chevots, worsted Scotch and cassimeres. All this season's latest colorings made in NORFOLK SUITS, at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

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KNEE PANTS SPECIAL Several hundred dozen of indestructible Knee Pants, patent elastic waist band, patent riveted buttons and patent reinforced seams, all wool chevots and cassimeres, in many styles of patterns to choose from; well worth 75c to \$1.00—SPECIAL FOR THIS SALE..... 35c-45c



Nebraska Clothing Co. CLOTHES FOR MEN & WOMEN

In our Women's Dept. HUNDREDS of new, nobby, up-to-date garments arriving daily by express.

Our buyer has just returned from the eastern market, where he picked up samples of high grade, three-quarter length and Monte Carlo Coats at about 50c on the dollar. They go on sale Saturday morning.



Women's Monte Carlo Coats—We call your special attention to our \$10.00 Monte Carlo Jacket. They are the best in America for the money—made of the very best quality of kersey, 27 inches long—new, correct back—new sleeve—some plain, some velvet trimmed—lined with a guaranteed satin. They come in tan, blue, red and oxford gray—a very nobby coat, and as good as any \$15.00 Jacket on the market—OUR PRICE..... 10.00

Women's Monte Carlo Coats—Double to eases, high rolling collar, turn back cuffs, inlaid with stitched velvet, pleated back and front, Skinner satin lined, very fine quality kersey—in black, tan and castor—OUR PRICE..... 16.75

Women's three-quarter length coats in excellent quality of kersey, Monticue and oxford gray chevot, heavy satin lined, new full back and new cuff sleeve. They would be cheap at \$20.00—OUR PRICE..... 15.00

Children's three-quarter length and Monte Carlo Coats—Two specials FOR SATURDAY—CHILD'S MONTE CARLO COAT, made of a good quality of all wool kersey, plaited back, inlaid velvet collar, new sleeve with cuff—positively the best bargain ever offered in a child's garment—SATURDAY..... 5.50

Child's Three-quarter Length Coats—in a fine quality of all wool kersey—has a top cape trimmed with stitched velvet, high rolling collar and cuff sleeve—will compare with any \$10.00 coat in Omaha—SATURDAY..... 6.90

Women's Flannel Waists

We've an extensive assortment of Women's Flannel Waists, which we will offer very special Saturday. All of them smartly tailored. The new French Flannels, the basket weaves and vestings are in the height of fashion. We show a swell line of them.

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Small news snippets: DRUNKARD GETS YEAR'S PAY, DIVORCED WIFE SEEKS SHARE, GETS DROP ON HER HUSBAND, PASSES STOLEN BANK NOTES, FALL ASLEEP ON THE TRACK, ROOSEVELT THANKS WORKMEN, GERMANY FINANCIAL POWER, IS GRANITE A MINERAL?, NEBRASKA ARMOR IS TESTED, CHILDREN'S SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY, WOMEN'S FLANNEL WAISTS.