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COST OF THE WAR.

The accountants of the treasury department have made up a statement of the expenditures of the army and navy for the three months of May, June and July.

On the surface this statement indicates that the war might continue a year and cost a great deal less than half a billion.

Our civil war lasted four years. The amount raised by taxation or borrowed upon the credit of the nation was \$3,348,372,904.

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planned and coolly executed; but when all this, and more, has been said, the fact remains that results show the danger was not so great as that faced by our gallant soldiers who charged the Spanish entrenchments at Santiago.

The sinking of the Merrimac, as events have since unfolded, had no bearing on the campaign at Santiago. The wrecked vessel did not block the channel, and it was fortunate for the United States that it did not.

Concentration of the country's hero worship on Hobson is apt to exert a bad influence in more ways than one. It is unjust to thousands of other brave and patriotic men who have been as daring and self-sacrificial as Hobson, and whose courageous exertions have brought important results.

JOHN HAY AND W. R. DAY.

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During his active political life; which began in early youth, Mr. Hay has been both in close touch with the people as a mass and with the able men who, rising from the mass of the people, have become its trusted leaders.

It would be well for the persons now calling on the government to scuttle out of the Philippines to tell why this nation, in their opinion, should virtually make Spain a present of a billion dollars.

HOBSON'S PERIL.

Hobson hero worship is growing tiresome to sensible people; and if Lieutenant Hobson is the cool, level-headed naval officer he seems, it must be palling upon him.

cessor, Mr. Olney, without noteworthy knowledge of affairs of state, Mr. Day entered his high office an untired man. But from a crisis more severe than any which had tried the temper of an administration since Lincoln fell he has emerged with the enduring fame of a statesman.

THE EASTERN SQUADRON'S DESTINATION.

President McKinley now follows up his announcement of the mobilization of the powerful and terrible eastern squadron of battleships and cruisers by causing it to be given out that he has some work planned for this squadron just as soon as the preliminaries of peace are settled.

To get into the eastern Mediterranean our squadron must pass and even touch the coasts of Spain. And while cruising in the Mediterranean it will at no time be so far from Spain that the Spanish people will be able to forget that it is "hanging around," ready to assist in the peace negotiations.

Spain is too old a dog for any one to have much confidence in her ability to learn the new and strange tricks of straightforwardness and promptness. She needs constant watching and jogging.

A few months ago the news that England was forming a naval volunteer brigade on the Pacific coast, would have at once aroused the jingo press in this country, and an effort would have been made to show that she was contemplating an attack on America.

Some surprise is expressed at the indifference shown by Spain to the welfare of the sailors of the Cervera squadron who are imprisoned at Portsmouth, but there is nothing surprising about it.

It is claimed that the wheat crop now being harvested in the West will make this year's yield the largest on record in this country.

One of our difficult problems in the Philippines, says a dispatch, will be the curbing of the religious orders. We have never found it a difficult task at home.

Any person needing the service of an unemployed governor-general will find it to his advantage to communicate with Senor Blanco, Havana, Cuba, United States of America.

NUMBER OF FISHERMEN CAUGHT

Those Who Persist in Catching Fish Out of Season on the Lower River are Being Prosecuted to the Full Extent of the Law.

Fish Commissioner McGuire is taking every precaution in arresting fishermen violating the closed season. Three gillnetters, Martin Forney, Peter Durich, and Chris Erickson, arrested the previous night, were tried in the justice court at Astoria Saturday, and fined \$50 each.

A number of the gillnetters were on the river Friday night and they took desperate chances to avoid arrest. On the approach of the launch on which the commissioners and deputies are they let go their nets and pulled for the nearest beach.

J. C. Kennedy, M. T. Donough, and F. Kennedy were found fishing with nets on Miller sands and were brought to Portland early Tuesday morning. The crew, numbering about twenty, were not arrested, but were severely lectured by the commissioner.

Samuel Elmore was arrested Monday on a warrant sworn out by Commissioner McGuire for receiving and packing fish. In the justice court Mr. Elmore stated State Fish Commissioner Little, of Washington, requested him to use his traps on Baker's Bay, after the season closed, to catch fish for propagation purposes.

Mr. McGuire states there is not a canyery on the river running, notwithstanding the rumors circulated at the close of the season. He had been told one or two canneries had been running on Friday, but upon investigation found the reports to be untrue.

There was much idle talk before the tenth that the season would be extended to the fifteenth. Rumors to this effect were freely circulated without having a shadow of foundation, and were published in Portland papers.

AN EXCITING BLAZE.

Big Fire Narrowly Averted By Able Work on the Part of the Fire Department.

Yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock the people of The Dalles were again aroused by the dreaded fire alarm, and in a short time the streets were filled with a crowd of people who feared that another memorable blaze was gaining headway.

Upon investigation it was found that the scene of the fire was the workshop of Maier & Benton, which is a wooden structure placed along side of their store in the center of one of the finest blocks in the city.

The department was on the scene in less than five minutes after the alarm had been turned in, and in a short time the blaze was under control.

The Chronical bucket brigade did good work in keeping the flames back until the department arrived, while H. S. Wilson had the honor of turning on the first stream with a garden hose from the second floor of the French building, adjoining that of Maier & Benton.

The facts are not known, but it is thought that the fire started from a fire-box in which the soldering irons were heated.

The loss is light owing to the fact that little else than ironware was kept in this part of the establishment, and is fully covered by insurance.

MURDERER ARRESTED.

Sheriff Davidson, of Helena, Mont., was in Portland yesterday on his way to Oakland, Or., to take into custody Joe Allen, who is wanted in Montana for the murder of J. S. Reynolds on July 24th.

Allen was arrested at Oakland several days ago by Constable Ruth, and is now in jail at that place. The circumstances attending the crime go to show that it was committed for the purpose of robbery, and it was a most cold blooded affair.

helper. The two men came to Montana together from Shoupe, Idaho, and worked during the spring clip.

They last worked about twenty-five miles from Helena, and on getting through spoke of trapping for the rest of the summer. They were last camped near Mr. Martin's place, where Reynolds and Allen were seen Sunday night, July 24th, lying down, both apparently asleep.

Persons troubled with diarrhoea will be interested in the experience of W. M. Bush, clerk of the hotel Dorrance, Providence, R. I. He says: "For several years I have been almost a constant sufferer from diarrhoea, the frequent attacks completely prostrating me and rendering me unfit for my duty at this hotel.

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CITATION.

IN THE COUNTY COURT of the State of Oregon, for the County of Wasco.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas Olesen, deceased.—Citation.

To Sidel Olesander, Mrs. C. W. Taylor and Fred W. Wilson, and all persons interested in the above named estate, greeting:

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as Executor of the last will and testament of James McElahan, deceased, with the Clerk of the County Court, of the State of Oregon, for Wasco County, and by an order of said Court duly made and entered, Monday, the 5th day of September, 1898, is fixed as the time and the County Court room of said Court as the place for the hearing of said final account.

Administrator's Final Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Henry A. Baker, deceased, has filed his final account in the county court of the State of Oregon for Wasco county, and the court has fixed and appointed Monday, the 5th day of September, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the county court room in the court house in Dalles City, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing and settlement thereof.

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