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FOR BIGGER ARMY

War Secretary Has Planned For Force of 400,000

REPORT GIVEN TO CONGRESS

Standing Army Now Over 72,000—Would Organize Militia on Basis For War Drafting

Special to the Evening Review.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The total estimates of the War Department for the next fiscal year, as shown by the annual report of the Secretary of War, amount to \$189,755,939, an increase of about \$52,000,000 over the appropriations for the present fiscal year.

This increase is largely for river and harbor work, and other public works of a civil character, for which purpose about \$24,000,000 is asked. Of the balance, about \$10,500,000 is an additional estimate for the support of the army, military academy, and the militia.

For military public works, such as fortifications, arsenals, military posts, etc., the estimates call for an increase of \$17,500,000.

Secretary Wright especially recommends an addition of 612 officers of the army, and also approves a policy for the elimination from the service of all officers who fail to maintain the requisite standard of efficiency.

Both of these propositions were before congress at its last session and will be strongly urged this year.

The necessity for more officers, the report states, is due to the unavoidable detachment of officers from their regular service with troops. Their detachment for recruiting duty, for duty as instructors in the army and at state institutions, as well as with the militia of the several states and territories, has occupied the time of a large number of officers.

At present there are on detached duty 691 officers and 157 more are absent on leave of absence or on account of sickness. Besides this, examinations, court-martial service, and numerous other kinds of special duty, though temporary in character, make a considerable increase in the number of officers that are constantly unavailable for regular service with their commands.

He adds that it would be a measure of wise economy to provide an extra number of highly equipped officers for these added duties that have been thrown upon the army, as the result would be highly beneficial in case of war.

Another method of increasing the efficiency of the army, he states, is to eliminate officers who have not the highest qualifications. The present law on the subject does not apply above the grade of captain, and, it is said, has utterly failed to accomplish its purpose except in cases of physical disability.

The report shows that the army is now only 9231 enlisted men short of the authorized strength, due to great improvement in recruiting. During the past year there has been an increase in the actual strength of the army of 19,168, making the present strength 4116 officers and 85,512 enlisted men, a total of 72,628.

Of this number, 53,102 are serving in the United States, 12,101 in the Philippines, 4905 in Cuba, 1193 in Alaska, 611 in Porto Rico, 256 in Hawaii, with 551 troops enroute and officers at other foreign stations.

The total number of enlistments in the army during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, exclusive of the Hospital Corps and Philippine Scouts, was 41,463. Of this number 11,742 were re-enlistments and 29,720 were original enlistments. The percentage of native born (white and colored) among the original enlistments was 88; of the total number of enlistments, 35,435 were native born, 5,859 were of foreign birth, 12 were Indians, 28 were born in the Philippine Islands recruited or re-enlisted for band musicians, and 129 were born in Porto Rico. Of the total number 39,953 were white; 1341 were colored.

The number of desertions from the army fell off to 4.6 per cent of the whole number of enlisted men in the service during the fiscal year 1908, as compared with 5.0 per cent during the preceding fiscal year. The Secretary speaks with gratification upon the marked decrease in the number of desertions, not only during the past year, but during the past two years. The number of desertions was less in 1908 than during any fiscal year since 1901.

He accounts for this improvement by the fact that long-term military convicts are now confined in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., instead of at military posts; more strenuous efforts are made to apprehend and punish deserters, and the method of making enlistments has been changed also.

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are shown in the target practice of the coast artillery. In 1906 about sixteen times as many hits were made as in 1900 under the same conditions, and the results for the years 1907 and 1908 show marked improvement over 1906.

The Secretary submits an estimate of \$500,000 to enable the Signal Corps to take up military aeronautics in a more effective way than it has done in the past. He reviews the progress of aerial navigation during the past year and gives it great importance as a military auxiliary.

Congress is asked for a considerable increase in the appropriations for investment in permanent military plants, such as gun and mortar batteries, fire control at fortifications, electrical installations at seacoast fortifications, searchlights for harbor defenses, and other accessories of coast defense, preservation and repair of fortifications, repair and protection of defenses at Pensacola, Fla., and New Orleans, La., defenses of Galveston, Tex., armament for fortifications, fortifications in insular possessions, and additional land for military posts. These various items in connection with permanent military plants call for increased appropriations of \$18,858,927, of which amount about 80 per cent is asked for coast defense works, for which about \$9,500,000 is required for the United States and \$5,000,000 for the insular possessions.

The Secretary refers to the good results accomplished by legislation enacted at the last session of Congress to promote the efficiency of the militia. The principal effect of the new law, he says, is to make the body of the organized militia of the several states, territories, and the District of Columbia more immediately and generally serviceable to the Federal government in time of war. Having in mind the desirability of being prepared for any attack that might be made on one or both of the coast lines, he recommends that the general scheme of national defense shall provide a force of organized militia of approximately 350,000 men, 300,000 of these in combination with the infantry, cavalry and field artillery of the regular army to constitute a field army of 400,000. He estimates that about 75 per cent of the 11,000 officers and men in the organized militia would respond to a call to arms, and of the number responding a small percentage would be eliminated probably by physical disqualification. It is estimated that a little more than 40 per cent—that is, about 67,000, would be available at present in case of an emergency.

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MR. BEAN'S POSITION RIGHT.

In an interview in the Portland Journal, Representative Bean, of Lane county, is reported to have said: "You ask me how I stand on the United States senatorship," said Mr. Bean, in answer to a question put to him. "I consider the United States senatorship has been fully eliminated from consideration and should not enter in any way into the organization of the House. I consider that that matter was settled by the people at the June election."

"You say that you are absolutely independent. Does that statement carry with it the question of a United States senator?" Mr. Bean was asked and he answered: "It certainly does. Personally I would like to see a good Republican sent to the United States senate. As I said before, I consider that question was settled at the June election, and in the event that I should be chosen speaker I would in no way use or allow to be used in any way the speaker's office or the powers vested in the speaker to further the combination of any set of men for the purpose of defeating Mr. Chamberlain."

"If the statement No. 1 members voluntarily wish to disregard their pledges, in so doing the whole responsibility must rest with them. I will in no way aid or sanction the breach of any pledge, either directly or indirectly."

Mr. Bean's position is consistent and honest, and one that he can take without sacrificing his ante-election convictions. Moreover, it is good citizenship to accept the verdict of the majority with good grace and in good humor. We hope Mr. Bean wins his fight for the speakership.—Eugene Guard.

VAIN SOPHISTRIES. (From the Wallowa Chieftan.) It is taking reams of paper for Editors Scott, Geer and Bennett to ease their consciences in their attempt to have legislators break their pledged word to vote for the people's choice for senator. They may satisfy themselves, but it is certain they cannot convince anyone else that black is white or a wrong is right.

IOWA OFFICIAL VOTE. CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Iowa official vote: Taft, 275,210; Bryan, 209,771; Chaun, 9837; Debs, 8287; Watson, 251; Hlgen, 404.

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It was resolved that "the Anti-Saloon League was a menace to good government, the quietude of communities and vested property rights and exists for no other purpose than to provide occupation and revenue for a close corporation by the processes of perpetual agitation; and that local option is but another name for prohibition and is equally confiscatory in its assaults upon property rights."

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