

AID TO EFFICIENCY

The British Remount System
Pleases General Carter.

INVESTIGATING IN ENGLAND

Woolwich and Sandhurst Establishments Not so Good as West Point,
but Results Obtained Better,
Considering Brief Terms.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—General William H. Carter, of the United States Army, who has been investigating the remount system of the British army, with a view to reporting to the General Staff of the United States Army, had a farewell interview with H. O. Arnold-Forster, British Secretary of War, yesterday. He will leave England tomorrow for the Transvaal.

Every facility has been afforded General Carter here and he expresses his appreciation of the friendly spirit of the British officials, and especially of the remount bureau, which arranged for his investigations. At Aldershot a squadron of the celebrated Fourteenth Hussars and a battery of the horse artillery were paraded before General Carter, who highly praised these organizations and particularly the quality of their horses.

The general thinks the excellence of the British cavalry horse artillery is due to the system of supplying remounts and to the efficiency of the corps of riding masters.

General Carter visited Woolwich and Sandhurst. He does not think that these establishments compare very favorably with the Military Academy at West Point, but he says the results obtained are more satisfactory, considering the brief period of attendance of the cadets. Accompanied by Major John H. Beacon, the United States military attaché in London, and the headquarters staff, General Carter has gone to Canterbury, which is the depot of all British cavalry regiments, and where special facilities for an inspection will be afforded them.

STANDARD OIL BLOCKED.

Roumanians Oppose Entrance of
American Monopoly.

VIENNA, Dec. 12.—Reports from Bucharest indicate that the Standard Oil Company is meeting with much opposition in its efforts to obtain a footing in Roumania. At a private meeting of the supporters of the government, M. Stourdza, president of the Council of Ministers, declared that the Americans had come to Roumania for the purpose of monopolizing the national petroleum industry, and that they must prevent the country from submitting to such an economic yoke.

It is stated that the Standard Oil Company has now abandoned its intention of combining any of the existing oil concerns of Roumania, but that, believing the country has large and valuable oil fields at present undiscovered, the company will endeavor to obtain them for its European trade.

Indignation in New Zealand.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Wellington, N. Z., says Premier Seddon has drawn Colonial Secretary Lyttelton's attention to the case of Harper, the New Zealand bank clerk, who was prevented by the United States labor laws from landing at San Francisco. The correspondent adds that the case has created great indignation and that Premier Seddon has declared that such treatment will not be tolerated.

Dreyfus to Be Reinstated.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle states that it has been decided that as soon as the Court of Cassation declares the innocence of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, as it seems likely to occur soon, the former disgraced officer will be reinstated in the French Army, will be given the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of Engineers, and will be assigned to duty with a regiment of engineers in Southern France.

Pope Made a Book His Bank.

ROME, Dec. 12.—While the papal library was examining a number of the books that had been the subject of close study by the late Pope Leo, he found a number of certificates between the pages of one of the largest volumes. Investigation showed them to be Italian currency, and their total value footed up \$20,000. The money was turned over to Pope Pius X. and by him transferred to the Vatican treasury.

Combines Telephone and Phonograph.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Daily Mail announces that successful experiments have been made with a system of recording of conversations over the telephone by a combination of the telephone and phonograph. The system is the invention of E. G. Craven, an English electrician, who was formerly one of Thomas Edison's assistants.

No Exhibit From Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 13.—Spain will not participate in the St. Louis Exposition. This decision was reached at a Cabinet meeting, the reason given being that there would not be sufficient time to complete operations.

American Goods Burned.

METZ, Alsace-Lorraine, Dec. 12.—Fire today destroyed a customs warehouse here which contained, among other things, a quantity of American bacon and oil. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Britain Would Buy Ships.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—It is reported that the British Admiralty has made an offer to the Argentine Republic to buy the two cruisers Rivadavia and Moron, now being built at Genoa for that government.

Want Copyright in United States.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 12.—The Norwegian Authors' Association has passed a resolution in favor of concluding a copyright agreement with the United States.

Killed in Spanish Train Wreck.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—The collapse of an embankment near Cordova resulted in a train. Fourteen persons were killed and many injured.

Gold Fields in Congo State.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.—The announcement is made here that rich gold fields have been discovered in the Congo State.

Brooklyn Goes to Alexandria.

PORT SAID, Dec. 13.—The United States cruiser Brooklyn will leave Beirut tomorrow for Alexandria.

Rescued But to Be Lost.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 13.—After being blown more than a half-mile today over the surface of Lake Assawampsett on a piece of ice which had broken away from the shore, while the men were standing on it Harry Hawkins, aged 22, and Frank Allen, aged 26, were rescued from their dangerous position by S. A. Lewis, who rowed out to them, only to

lose their lives by drowning when the boat was swamped by a squall. Lewis clung to the craft and was rescued.

READY WHEN WAR COMES.

Root's Remarks Had No Bearing on
Present Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Considerable comment was occasioned here today by reports that Secretary Root at a dinner held last night by the Carbo Society, an organization of Army and Navy officers who have been active service in the Philippines, had predicted that a war would soon come between the United States and some foreign power, but the interest displayed in the report and the speculation it aroused as to what the Secretary had in mind were dissipated this afternoon when it became known that the word "soon" was a misquotation.

Secretary Root himself said tonight that he had not predicted that a war would come soon, but in his speech of last night merely stated what he had given utterance publicly on several occasions, namely that "when the time comes, as we know it will come some time, we do not know when and we do not know whence, but we know it will come some time."

LOOKS TO SOUTHWEST COMBINATION FOR SUPPORT
AS GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE

C. J. LORD, OF OLYMPIA.

time, when you (referring to both Army and Navy) are called upon to defend our country, you will do it with mutual helpfulness and comradeship.

The speech of last night, it was stated, was merely an expression of confidence that in the event of war the Army and Navy would co-operate and stand shoulder to shoulder each in support of the other and the common country both are charged to support and defend.

THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Solomon Loeb.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Solomon Loeb, one of the founders of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., died here Saturday night.

He was a native of Germany, and came to this country in 1850 and settled in Cincinnati, where he became a partner in the dry goods firm of Kuhn, Netter & Co. In 1865 he removed to New York City, soon after founding with the late Abraham Kuhn, the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. In 1890 he retired from this firm. Mr. Loeb was active in commercial and charitable work of all kinds and was one of the founders of the Provident Loan Society, of which he continued an active director till his death. "Mr. Loeb is survived by two sons, Professor Morse Loeb, of New York University, and James Loeb, formerly of the banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and three daughters, Mrs. Jacob E. Schiff, Mrs. Isaac N. Sellman and Mrs. Paul M. Warburg.

James Cheney.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 13.—James Cheney, said to be the wealthiest man in Indiana, his fortune being estimated at \$5,000,000, died today, aged 64 years. He was associated with Jay Gould in financing his affairs in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. At the time of his death he was a heavy stockholder of Wabash and Nickel Plate.

William Johnson.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—William Johnson, of Detroit, brother of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, died here today. Mayor Johnson was at his bedside when he died and accompanied his brother's widow and daughter with the body to Brooklyn for burial.

Judge Fletcher Ladd.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—The death of Judge Fletcher Ladd, for three years Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, at a private hospital Saturday was announced tonight.

Bishop Denis M. Bradley.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 12.—Right Rev. Denis M. Bradley, first bishop of the Catholic diocese of Manchester, died today, aged 57.

FEW INFANTS TO BAPTIZE.

Rich Mothers Do Not Want Them,
Says an Episcopal Bishop.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Episcopal Bishop Francis of the diocese of Indiana declares that the shortage of babies in the church is alarming and that the homes of wealthier members of the church have an average of about one child to the family.

"Women in the finer homes do not want babies nowadays," said Bishop Francis tonight. "We have a constantly increasing number of adult baptisms, but the baptism of infants is decreasing. This is not because they do not have their babies baptized, but because there are fewer babies. The Living Church Annual, the Episcopal almanac for the year, just published, shows how alarming is this shortage of babies in the church. The number of baptisms of infants has decreased 50 per cent in 14 years. This is in the face of an increase of communions."

"Not only is there a shortage of babies in our church, but all over the land in the wealthiest homes. It appears like a repetition of the career of France."

SPEAKS FOR FAIR

Senator Mitchell Will Lay
Claims Before Senate.

CUBAN BILL VOTE WEDNESDAY

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Spooner Follows, With a Discus-
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BITTER COLD IN CHICAGO.

Firemen Cannot Get Through Snow—
Switchman Frozen to Death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—This was the coldest day in Chicago for this season of the year since 1875. Early this morning the temperature began to fall, until at 8 A. M. it had reached 35 below zero. The only time that this mark has been reached in the history of the Weather Bureau was December 9, 1878, when 14 below was registered. During the day it began to moderate and tonight the mercury is hovering around the zero mark, and the indications for tomorrow are for warmer weather, with snow storms.

On account of the cold and the heavy condition of the streets owing to the heavy fall of snow, yesterday morning the department store of Bohinski & Co., in West Twenty-second street, was destroyed by fire today. A special call for engines was sent in, but before they could reach the scene of the fire through the drifts of snow, the building had been burned, causing a loss of \$50,000.

So far but one death, that of William Duffy, a switchman, who was found frozen to death in the Chicago & North-western yards, has been reported.

Forty Below in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 12.—The North-west experienced the coldest weather of the season today, the thermometer ranging from 40 to 24 degrees below zero at the various stations of the Weather Bureau. There is apparently no prospect for immediate relief.

Trains on all railroads are delayed because of the intense cold. In this city the minimum was 25 degrees below, reached early this morning. The maximum for the day was minus 8 degrees. Toward night the mercury again began to settle in the tube, and at 9 o'clock stood at 12 degrees below.

Distillery on Tillman's Place.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 12.—A force of dispensary constables, headed by Chief Quireton, made a successful raid on a distillery in Greenwood County. The still was located on the Piggy Woods place, a plantation owned by United States Senator B. R. Tillman. The operator was surprised by the officers, but made his escape.

In addition to finding the still, four gallons of whiskey, 15 barrels and two hogsheads of beer were captured.

Coldest Yet at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 12.—The Weather Bureau today reported it the coldest thus far of the present winter. At 7 o'clock tonight the thermometer was six degrees above zero, with the promise of zero by early morning.

Zero Weather in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12.—Zero weather continued throughout the day in Nebraska, with a slight moderation tonight. The weather predictions are for higher temperature tomorrow.

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