

URGESCUT IN TARIFF

Taft Deems the Philippine Rates Excessive.

ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED

Secretary of War Finds the Army Lacks Officers—Death Rate is Decreasing—State Military Organizations Are Praised.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Secretary of War Taft today issued his annual report. It covers a wide range of subjects, not only giving full details of the activity, expenditures and needs of the Army and coast defense, but deals with the Philippine situation, making many recommendations for the betterment of economic conditions in the islands. His chief recommendations in the military service are toward certain reorganization of the corps of officers and the improvement of the coast and harbor defense, particularly the submarine service.

Table with columns: Country, Officers, Enlisted, Total. Rows include United States, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, Alaska, etc.

Favors Increase in Number of Officers. Secretary Taft recommends an increased number of officers of the Army...

Decrease in Death Rate. Continuation of the gradual but decided improvement in the condition of troops which has been noted since sanitary matters have received the attention due them...

Discharges for disability numbered 1562, equivalent to a rate of 22.39 per 1000 men. While the rate of discharge for disability remained as high as last year, the death rate shows a decided improvement, being slightly more than half the rate of 1902.

Small amount of cholera in the Philippine Islands as compared with the previous year speaks well for the untiring efforts of the Army medical officers in preventing the spread among the troops serving at the island stations...

Submarine Defense. Following an account of the progress of work on military posts and coast defense, in which considerable has been done the past year, is a recommendation regarding submarine defense. At present most of the harbors are equipped with torpedo storehouses, cables and serviceable mining casemates...

ment business due to the change of money from the Mexican silver standard to a gold standard. By an act of Congress, passed in 1903, the standard of value in the Philippine Islands was fixed at a Philippine peso, the equivalent of 50 cents gold, and provision was made for the coinage of a new silver Philippine peso of this value out of silver intrinsically worth about 40 cents.

Upward of 11,000,000 of the Spanish Philippine peso have come into the treasury of the Philippine Islands and have been sent to San Francisco for redemption, while most of the Mexican dollars, which were used in the general business, have been exported from the islands, and the islands are on a gold basis with the new currency.

It is quite obvious from the statement of the Chief of Artillery that the number of artillerymen in the service should be increased; but this does not, it seems to me, require that the pay of a body should be increased, but only that there should be a reduction in the other branches with a view to increasing the highly technical branch of the artillery.

Regarding rivers and harbors, the report says: The condition of the improvement of the various rivers and harbors throughout the country, and the extent of the work performed on them during the past fiscal year are set forth in full detail in the accompanying report of the Chief of Engineers.

State Militia Organizations. The report deals very extensively with the state militia organizations. Secretary Taft complimenting the militia on its improvement under regular Army tactics. He considers the inspection by Army officers highly beneficial and approves particularly of the joint maneuvers held by regiments from the Army and militia.

Estimates. Appropriations. Expenditures. 1901 \$118,176,833 \$114,596,229 \$107,702,107 1902 113,563,319 116,248,552 108,284,023 1903 99,849,426 92,283,654 70,308,094 1904 77,986,515 75,450,544 69,275,296 1905 71,600,813 71,600,126 68,275,296 1906 72,706,125

The Philippine Islands are taken up in detail, the commerce and the conditions being dealt with at length. The matter of commerce and currency is gone into exhaustively. Secretary Taft says in part: The trade of the islands for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1904, as shown by the total exports and imports, exclusive of silver and Army and Navy supplies, has fallen from a total of \$88,000,000 to the same year ending July 1, 1903, to \$65,000,000, a reduction chiefly in the exports.

ELLERIC IS OVERDUE Steamer From Japan Expected Four Days Ago.

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FEARS FOR HAROLD DOLLAR. Steamer May Have Fallen into Hands of Japanese.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—Maritime circles in the city are awaiting with considerable anxiety news of the Harold Dollar, which sailed about a month ago to Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka, with coal and provisions for the Aleutian fishing stations.

INVERNESS IS BEACHED. British Turret Steamer Goes Ashore at Mororan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—The British steamer Inverness, that carried a cargo of supplies to Yokohama from Tacoma, is on the beach at Mororan, Japan, according to a dispatch received at the Merchants' Exchange today.

CHINESE FOR BIG STEAMER. VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 22.—Two hundred Chinese are coming to Victoria on the steamer Empress of India to join J. Hill's mammoth steamer Minnesota, when she calls here about the middle of December.

BIG STORM CAUSES ALARM. Allowing Tramp Vessel Twenty Days for Shorter-Time Voyage She Should Have Been in Columbia Last Week.

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JULES GOMMES TAKES GRAIN. Chartered on English Account at Private Terms.

It was generally thought on the waterfront that the French ship Jules Gomme, which reached port two weeks ago, was on the free list, but it leaked out yesterday that the vessel has been chartered for some time.

WEBFOOT SALVAGE HIGH. Owner Tells O. R. & Company to Take Schooner for Claim.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Captain A. M. Simpson, owner of the dismantled schooner Webfoot, arrived here last evening, but left on the steamer Alliance for Coos Bay this morning.

INJURIES TO BURNSIDE. Cable Ship Which Struck Lost Part of Keel.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 22.—The cable-ship Burnside, which struck on Ripple Rock in Seymour Narrows, November 12, has a hole eight feet wide and 20 feet long beneath No. 1 water-tight compartment aft, and also has had 21 feet of her keel ripped off.

SAMPSON GOES ON DRYDOCK. Tug is Taken to St. Johns for an Overhauling.

The tug Sampson was taken down to St. Johns yesterday and this morning will be lifted on the drydock. She will be out of the water a week while the shaft is taken out and the stern bearings repaired.

LABOR AGITATION DIMINISHING. NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The labor agitation is diminishing and several large concerns have made concessions to their employees, cables the Herald's Buenos Ayres, Argentine, correspondent.

MINERS IN PITCHED BATTLE. TRINIDAD, Col., Nov. 22.—Over 100 shots were exchanged today in a fight at a coal camp near Hastings, Col., between Slavs and Italians.

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