



## NATION DECLARED AT MERCY OF FOES

### Secret Report Reviews Unpreparedness.

## MILITARY POLICY LACKING

### Force of 450,000 Men Needed to Protect Coasts.

## SUPPLIES NOT AVAILABLE

### War Secretary Says United States Could Not Resist Invasion on Either Coast—Defenses Are Equipped Inadequately.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The full text of the confidential report to Congress, prepared by the Secretary of War, which declares that the United States is unprepared to resist invasion, has been secured by the Chicago Tribune. It is the report which the House refused to receive in secret and which was withdrawn by order of the President when this refusal was made known.

The report declares that the regular army is deficient in number and defective in other enumerated respects. It says that the organized militia also is deficient in number, lacking in equipment, too widely scattered, and otherwise below the mark. The coast defenses are deficient in equipment and ammunition, the report goes on.

### Definite Policy Lacking.

Secretary Dickinson declares, in summing up to the development of the military resources of the country in relation to the mobile army exists, "so far as he is able to ascertain."

### Criticizing the condition of the regular army, the Secretary uses these words:

(a) It lacks proper proportions of all arms and certain staff officers.

(b) It lacks reserves of field guns, ammunition, and supplies necessary to its operation in the field, which cannot be readily procured when war breaks out.

(c) It is so widely scattered throughout the country and its possessions as to render impossible that rapid concentration for war purposes which is essential in modern military operation.

(d) It is not organized into those higher units, brigades, and divisions which are essential for purposes of war and which cannot be created with the necessary promptitude when war is imminent or has been declared.

### Militia Falls Short, Too.

The specifications of the Secretary's arrangement of the organized militia declares deficiency in the following respects:

(a) It is lacking in proper proportions of cavalry, field artillery, engineers, signal corps, and sanitary troops.

(b) It is not fully or properly organized into the higher units, brigades, and divisions.

(c) It has no reserve supply of arms and field equipment to raise its units from a peace to a war footing.

(d) It is so widely scattered throughout the country as to make its prompt concentration impossible.

### Military Strength Analyzed.

The total authorized strength of the Army, including the Philippine and Indian scouts, the Porto Rico regiment and the hospital corps, is 89,700 officers and men. Deductions of non-combatants and men not available leaves approximately 64,000 American combatant officers and men, of whom 6,000 are organized into 13 regiments of cavalry, 6 regiments of field artillery, 36 regiments of infantry, 2 battalions of engineers and 4 companies of signal troops, and 12,000 are organized into 120 companies of coast artillery.

### Coast Defense Defective.

"The condition of the coast defenses of the country is generally satisfactory so far as relates to guns, mortars and armaments," the report continues. "The corps of coast artillery of the Regular Army is, however, deficient in number, and the defenses lack certain important equipment, such as fire control, searchlights and power plants essential to the proper operation of their armament."

### "The supply and reserve of ammunition is deficient and supplies of their character can not be promptly procured on the breaking out of war."

### "In reply to the second inquiry of the

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## PORTLAND TO GET FINEST BUILDING

### LOS ANGELES TURNS DOWN PASADENA MILLIONAIRE.

### By 8-to-1 Vote Hulett C. Merritt Is Refused Petition to Construct Office Home; Coming North.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—"Well, I guess that ends it here. I shall certainly keep my word and build the finest office building on the Pacific Coast at Portland unless they balk at there as the unprogressive people of this city have done."

"The building I put up will be patterned partly after the Call building in San Francisco, but will be far more beautiful. The plans are all drawn and I have set my heart on putting up this building. I have some property in Portland well suited to this project and the building will go there. It will be a good drawing card for any city and Portland will be benefited by it."

This was the comment made today by Hulett C. Merritt, the Pasadena millionaire, when he heard the words in the City Council that doomed his project to failure here.

The Council by a vote of 8 to 1 denied his petition asking for the amendment to the building ordinance which was essential to the carrying out of the plans.

By so doing, the Council probably fixed the city's building policy for many years hereafter, as at present, no building may be erected having a greater height than 150 feet, 20 feet of which must be a sloping or mansard roof. The debate on the merits of the proposed change took up the afternoon session. Many speakers were heard on both sides. It was generally believed that the Council was divided five and four, but no one knew how the division stood. When at length the time came for the roll call it was a breathless moment.

## DAYTON HUNTER HAS GRIT

### Gunshot Wound Disregarded Until Nature Fails to Cure.

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Carrying a charge of buckshot in his thigh for a week before he consented to see a surgeon, Charles Schumann, a young Geese farmer living eight miles west of here, displayed extraordinary grit.

Schumann started duck hunting last Tuesday and while carrying his shotgun under his arm, it was accidentally discharged.

Suffering excruciating pain, Schumann continued his hunt and worked about the farm as usual after his return.

Nature refused to work a cure, however, and when gangrene or blood-poisoning threatened, Schumann came to Dayton for treatment.

## TWO LIFE-SAVERS MISSING

### Long Island Crew's New Boat Turns Turtle in Wrathful Surf.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Two members of the volunteer life saving crew at Rockaway Beach, Long Island, Bruce Bond and David Jamison, are missing and are believed to have perished today when their boat they were trying to launch with three other members of the crew upset in the surf. Wain Cassady was taken from the water exhausted, while Fred Vollmer and William Phillips made their way to shore.

Despite the heavy sea, the five men insisted upon setting out to try the new boat, an 18-foot, six-oar craft. They were 200 yards off the beach when a heavy squall struck them and the boat turned turtle. The water was icy cold and it is supposed the missing men were seized with cramps and went down almost at once.

## MAY YOHE NOT MARRIED?

### Alleged Husband Writes Father Denying He Is Wed.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The father of Fred M. Reynolds, a wealthy resident of Seattle, formerly of this city, received a letter from his son today, in which the latter contradicted the report of his marriage last week with May Yohe, formerly Lady Hope.

Reynolds, according to reports, had met Miss Yohe in San Francisco, where she for a time recently has been singing in concert halls, and that the infatuation grew into love and the couple decided to wed. Reynolds is a young man while his alleged wife was said to be almost twice his age. His message today to his father, however, said the report that he had married was without any foundation whatever.

## RAT TRAP CATCHES THIEF

### Burglar, Groping for Diamond Ring, Puts Hand in Steel Snare.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 20.—While looting the home of Mrs. Julian Voorhes last night, Jason Moany, a burglar, dropped a diamond ring, which rolled under a

## WOMAN IS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

### Mrs. Kersh Hears Verdict; Then Swoons.

## LONE JUROR HOLDS OUT LONG

### D. G. Tomasini Thought Murder Accomplice Innocent.

## JURY HOLDS TIME RECORD

### For Nearly 73 Hours 12 Men Trying Case Battle Against One, Whose Determination Saves Woman From Gallows.

Mrs. Carrie Kersh is guilty of manslaughter.

This was the verdict reached last night by 12 men, 11 of whom battled for nearly three days to convince a lone conferee that the woman was not innocent of the murder of William A. Johnson at the New Grand Central Hotel last June, but instead conspired with Jesse Webb to kill her companion, ram the body in a trunk and depart from Portland to spend the crime-earned loot. For nearly 72 hours one juror held out for acquittal. Then the 11, who would hang the woman, changed their ballot to find her guilty of second degree murder, but the stubborn juror would not relent. Again they balloted, this time adding an appeal for leniency to the second degree verdict. Still the solitary member remained obdurate. The 11 then descended another rung in the degrees of murder.

### First Verdict of Kind in Years.

The result was the first verdict of manslaughter returned against a woman in Oregon in many years. It was read before 12 tired, careworn jurymen last evening at 6 o'clock in Judge Morrow's department of the State Circuit Court.

The jurist smiled broadly as he glanced at the verdict before handing it to the clerk to be read.

Whether Mrs. Kersh misunderstood Judge Morrow's smile to mean that she was about to be freed or that another disagreement was about to be recorded could not be read in her upturned face as she sat in the furthestmost seat of the courtroom, surrounded by guards. Not until the word manslaughter was uttered did she falter. Then she swooned. She was carried limp by Deputy Sheriffs Leonard and Bulger to the jail below. She will be sentenced January 5.

D. G. Tomasini, 399 Hancock street, is the juror who believed Mrs. Kersh innocent until fellow jurors lowered their verdict to within one stage of his. Then he rose to meet them. On the first ballot Mr. Tomasini voted to acquit the woman and at the 10th ballot, almost three days later, he maintained his belief that Mrs. Kersh was not a murderer. Throughout the long steps of the jurymen when he did not vote to acquit the prisoner, he dropped a blank

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## BURIAL PLACE OPPOSED

### Mrs. Eddy's Sons Will Object to Interment in Mount Auburn.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Heirs of the late Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy are expected to oppose the burial of Mrs. Eddy in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Boston, according to ex-Senator Chandler, who was counsel for them and who today received a copy of the will.

Her sons, George W. Glover and Dr. Foster Eddy, are determined to have her buried in the family plot in Tilton, N. H. The only deterrent to having the body transferred to Tilton was the finding of a personal request on her part to be buried elsewhere. No mention of a resting place was made in the will.

Mr. Chandler thinks there will be no fight over the last testament of Mrs. Eddy.

## 10 MILLIONS END GIFTS OF JOHN D.

### Aid to University of Chicago Complete

## DIRECTION LEFT TO OTHERS

### Magnate Finishes Programme Exactly as He Planned.

## WEST IS PAID TRIBUTE

### Ten Years of Million Dollar Installments for School Make Approximately \$35,000,000 He Has Given to Institution.

GIFTS ARE \$126,564,962.

John D. Rockefeller's known benefactions aggregate more than \$126,564,962. Principal ones are:	
General Education Board	\$35,000,000
University of Chicago	\$35,000,000
Rush Medical College	6,000,000
Churches (known)	3,100,000
Missions (known)	2,500,000
Baptist Foreign Missionary Fund	2,000,000
Clubs of hooseum disease	1,000,000
Harvard University	1,000,000
Baptist Educational Society	1,000,000
Yale University	1,000,000
Juvenile reformatories	1,000,000
Cleveland city parks	1,000,000
Union Theological Seminary	1,000,000
Southwestern University	1,000,000
Barnard College	1,000,000
Institute for Medical Research	2,000,000
Miscellaneous gifts	\$3,535,962

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—John D. Rockefeller has completed the task he set for himself in founding the University of Chicago. Today public announcement was made of a "single and final" gift of \$10,000,000, which includes all the contributions Mr. Rockefeller had planned.

## Work Left to Others.

The founding of new departments, he leaves to the trustees, as he says funds may be furnished by other friends.

## SOME STOCKING!



## EXTRA CINCINNATI HIT BY \$2,000,000 FIRE

### FALLING WALLS KILL FIREMAN AND SPECTATOR.

### Other Dead Thought to Be in Ruins. Flames Still Rage in Business District at 4 A. M.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—The loss entailed by a fire which swept the manufacturing district in the neighborhood of Ninth and Sycamore streets in this city today will approximate \$2,000,000. One fireman's body has been recovered, an unidentified spectator was killed by a falling pole, one fireman fatally injured and another seriously injured.

The fire originated in the building of the Krippendorf-O'Neil Shoe Company and quickly gained such headway that the entire eight-story establishment was soon in ruins. The loss on the building is roughly estimated at \$400,000. The Sycamore-Street Stables Company's building and the building and plant of the Victor Safe & Lock Company have been almost completely wiped out.

## 290 MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

### Explosion in Mine in England May Be Fatal to Many.

BOLTON, Eng., Dec. 21.—(Bulletin.)—An explosion in the Little Hulton Company's colliery this morning entombed 290 miners.

## EMPLOYES SHARE PROFITS

### Steel Corporation Distributes Bonus of \$2,700,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The United States Steel Corporation announced today its plan for distributing a bonus to the officers and employees of the corporation and subsidiary corporations in accordance with its annual practice.

## BLAME PUT ON ENGINEER

### Board of Inquiry Into Owyhee Accident Makes Report.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A. B. Ball, engineer on the Oregon Short Line, is held responsible by the board of inquiry for the collision at Owyhee Station, December 16, resulting in the death of Roadmaster Timothy Donovan. The board made its findings public today.

## PAINTING IS WITHHELD

### Authorities Believe It Is Famous Van Dyke Stolen Years Ago.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Customs officials today refused to deliver to a local art dealer an oil painting which is said to have been purchased abroad for \$40, and is thought to be a famous Van Dyke, stolen from a private gallery in Germany. The painting was withheld at the request of the Government authorities until its ownership had been fully established.

## HURRICANE STILL RAGES

### Newfoundland in Grip of Fiercest Storm in Many Years.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 20.—Newfoundland is in the grip of a hurricane said to be the worst in many years.

## LETTERS OF PAST CONFRONT WOMAN

### Baldwin Estate Scores by Admission.

## WITNESS CALM UNDER FIRE

### Mrs. Turnbull's Words Bring Blush to Auditors.

## LAWYERS ARE MERCILESS

### Correspondence Believed to Have Been Lost in San Francisco Fire. Witness Does Not Flinch.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—More letters came out of the past today to confront Mrs. Lillian Ashley Turnbull, the star witness in the "Lucky" Baldwin will contest, but with remarkable fortitude, ready wit and a wariness that carried her safely over cleverly-set traps, the woman who is fighting for \$2,500,000 as her daughter's share of the late turfman's estate not only met the attacks of the cross-examiner, but frequently fought back.

This morning she faced a slashing assault and was calm, although the questions hurled at her frequently made the other women in the courtroom blush and look down, and then this afternoon, when, apparently by agreement, the attorneys of the opposing side treated her with more consideration, she started to heckle them in return.

### Woman Accuses Detective.

"Yes, I said those letters were forgeries," she declared defiantly, referring to letters concerning her relations with Colonel Albert Pope, the millionaire Boston manufacturer. "Yes, I said they were forged, emphatically so. If you ask me why I say so, ask Mr. James R. Wood, who forged so many others."

James R. Wood is the Boston detective who, according to the testimony, arranged a settlement between Pope and Mrs. Turnbull in 1894, when Pope purchased for her a house in Pasadena, Mrs. Turnbull expressed doubt as to the authenticity of one of her alleged letters, Gavin McNab, the cross-examiner, said he would refresh her memory by giving her a glimpse of Wood.

### Witness Recognizes Sleuth.

"Stand up, Mr. Wood," he said. Wood arose. He is an elderly man with a white mustache. "Yes, that is James R. Wood," quickly responded Mrs. Turnbull, "and I wish to say that Mr. Wood is the wickedest man I ever knew."

An explanation of the unexpected appearance in this case of the letters that played so important a part in Mrs. Turnbull's seduction suit against Baldwin in 1896 came late this afternoon. It had been learned that the letters were in the court archives of San Francisco, and every one marveled that they had escaped the fire of 1908 until they learned that the missives had not been in the fire at all, but had been returned years ago to Wood, who brought them from Boston some weeks ago for use in the case now on trial.

### Letter Recalls Past.

McNab, in his cross-examination, continued his efforts to show the jury that Mrs. Turnbull had not been a spotless woman until she yielded to the blandishments of Lucky Baldwin as she alleged. In this connection he introduced a letter which she admitted she had written to Lewis Leach, president of the Farmers Bank of Fresno, Cal., some time in 1889. In her previous testimony the witness said that this letter was one of a series written by her to various horsemen, and that one of them addressed to Baldwin had started the correspondence which led to their meeting in 1891. The letter read:

"I was born and raised in Vermont. I've horses almost to distraction; am 20 years old, alone in the world, my own mistress, and have to earn my own living. Saw your name in the Home-Living in connection with the great international running race. As I want to have a horse-loving friend in California to secure me a nice position, also further my interest in various ways, so that I can go there in the near future, I have written you. My Eastern Prince is Wesley P. Balch, but as I am going to California to live for a while, shall need a 'Count' on the Pacific Coast. Now, if you are a whole-hearted youth with the 'ducat,' good figure and fair-looking face, write me and inclose photograph, and on receipt of same will tell you more about your truly, Miss L. A. Ashley, of 'The Blonde'."

### Estate Scores Strong Point.

McNab later declared the estate had scored a tactical advantage by Mrs. Turnbull's admission of this letter. It was the only one, he asserted, she refused to admit at the trial of her seduction suit to be genuine. All the others, which in this case she declared to be forgeries, she then admitted were genuine.

In one of these alleged forgeries occurred a passage describing an oath Mrs. Turnbull took regarding the pa-

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