

YOUNG IS RETIRED

Chaffee is Installed as Chief of Staff.

BILLESPIE IS HIS ASSISTANT

This is the First Time in Eighty Years an Officer of the Engineers' Corps Has Gained Such Distinction.

HEADS OF THE ARMY.

Lieutenant-Generals—
George Washington 1793-1799
Winfield Scott 1855-1861
Othello B. Grant 1864-1869
William T. Sherman 1869-1890
Philip H. Sheridan 1869-1888
John M. Schofield 1890-1896
Nelson A. Miles 1896-1900
S. B. M. Young 1900-1904
Generals—
Othello B. Grant 1869-1869
William T. Sherman 1869-1869
Philip H. Sheridan 1869
The lapses in time as denoted by the service of the Generals are due to Congressional action. The grade of Lieutenant-General would be created with the proviso that the office be abolished when vacated.
The Generals named are those who have served as Generals and Lieutenant-Generals of the Army.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—After serving at the head of the Army as chief of staff, with the rank of Lieutenant-General, for a little less than five months, Lieutenant-General B. B. Chaffee relinquished his duties today to his successor in office, General A. R. Chaffee, who has been acting as his chief assistant for several weeks past. The change is due to the fact that General Young became 64 years old today, and therefore, under the law, was relegated to the retired list.

George L. Gillespie, who has been since May, 1901, Chief of Engineers, succeeds General Chaffee as assistant chief of staff, with the rank of Major-General. This is the first time that an engineer officer has been in line of supreme command of the Army in 100 years.

By direction of the President, Secretary Root today issued an order announcing the retirement of General Young and highly extolling the service of that officer.

FUNSTON REMITS SENTENCE.

Major Goe Serves Three of the Eight Months Given Him.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—General Funston has notified the War Department that he has remitted the unexecuted portion of the sentence imposed by court-martial in the case of Major James B. Goe, Nineteenth Infantry. The officer was convicted at Vancouver, B. C., of charges of intoxication, and absence without leave, and sentenced to be confined to the limits of his post for eight months, and to forfeit \$50 per month of his pay during the period. The sentence was approved in September last.

Case of Timberman Benson Called.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The case of John S. Benson, the San Francisco real estate operator, arrested here for alleged frauds, and subsequently indicted in New York under an indictment found by the grand jury here, was argued today before United States Commissioner Taylor, the question being the forfeiture of bonds. The decision was reserved until next Wednesday.

MUST ACT SOON.

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extent of relinquishing her contention for a neutral zone across Northern Korea, but it is understood that it relates chiefly to giving definite assurance of Japan's rights in Southern Korea. Although reports of mediation continue to circulate, the authoritative statement was made today that no steps have been taken by France toward mediation. It is pointed out that such a movement, if addressed to Japan, probably would only serve to strengthen Great Britain, owing to their close political relations.

The entire official and diplomatic community showed great relief today from the severe strain of recent days.

SAIL UNDER SEALED ORDERS.

No One Knows the Route Ships Japan Bought in Italy Will Take.

GENOA, Jan. 9.—The Japanese armored cruisers Kasuga and Nisaka left Genoa today for Suez.

Despite the early hour, 4:30 A. M., many people gathered ashore to see the Japanese warships leave and to give a last cheer for Japan. Through the semi-darkness the brilliantly lighted ships could be clearly seen. The Italian sailors on board the departing ships exchanged loud salutations with their countrymen on the docks or on the steamers anchored near them. The Kasuga left first. The Nisaka sailed half an hour later, apparently not going in the direction of Naples, but no one knows what route they will take, even the commanders, before leaving, having acknowledged they were in the dark regarding the instructions received in the sealed orders. The general opinion, however, is that they will go through the Suez Canal.

Much comment has been aroused by the fact that some of the vessels of the Russian Mediterranean squadron have gathered at Suda Bay, in the island of Crete, apparently awaiting the departure of the Japanese ships.

LEADER LOSES FAVOR OF CZAR

War Party Finds Deaf Ears Turned to its Arguments.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—The Temps this evening gives prominence to a statement, purported to come from important private Russian sources, explaining Russia's present pacific tendencies. It asserts that M. Desobry, who has been looking upon the leader of the Russian war party, recently incurred the hostility of the Grand Duke Alexander, and the latter, who strenuously opposed war with Japan, succeeded in impressing his views upon the Czar.

LARGE FOODSTUFF ORDERS.

Russia Believed to Be Back of a \$250,000 California Deal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The large orders for food supplies intended for shipment to the Orient which have recently been placed by the leading commission-houses in this city have been augmented by the California Commission, recently placing orders in this market and in Milwaukee.

die Western points for food supplies approximately amounting to \$250,000. For whom these supplies are intended the purchasing firm declined to state. From authentic sources, however, it was learned that the foodstuffs are intended for the Russian government.

The orders are for beef to the amount of about \$30,000; salmon and other fish, about \$50,000; pickled meats, about \$70,000; and canned goods, about \$100,000.

NO TIME FOR INTERVENTION.

Russia Regards Such a Suggestion as Premature.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 9.—The suggestion of the intervention of other powers in the Far Eastern situation is regarded as premature in diplomatic circles here. It is pointed out that the Russo-Japanese negotiations are not broken off. The opinion here is that any proposition of intervention would be useless and probably harmful.

INSURANCE HARD TO GET.

Rates in London Are Becoming Stiffer Day by Day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Rates for insuring war risks on cargoes are generally stiffer, and the insurance is harder to place, says a Times dispatch from London.

The bulk of actual business consists in conveying general cargoes on neutral

vessels.

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REFORM MAYOR OF ONTARIO

ONTARIO, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—On a recount of the ballots cast December 7, James A. Mackay was elected Mayor of Ontario on the regular ticket by a majority of four votes, over Wm. H. King, Independent. The first count, made December 7, resulted in a tie.

Mr. Mackay was elected in December, 1902, to fill out an unexpired term, and made an excellent mayor. Under his administration the saloon license was raised from \$400 to \$1000 per annum, and the gamblers were made uncomfortable for a while. The gambling situation very difficult in Ontario, as well as in other places, but Mayor Mackay is determined to inaugurate reforms during this term of office.

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ACTIVITY IN THURSTON

"BOXERS" STEAL A MARCH ON THE "REGULARS."

Organize a Republican Club Ahead of Usual Organization—Plan to Work on Lord.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—In the matter of the opening of the Republican county and state campaign Thurston County is apparently endeavoring to lead the state. A Republican club has already been organized, officers elected and campaign matters discussed. Monday evening another Republican club will be launched into existence with over 300 members. For the organizing of the latter club the Opera-House has been retained, and local speakers and the brass band have been engaged.

The probability of the Republicans holding only one state convention has no doubt something to do with the early campaign work in this county, as such convention would have to be held early in May. While Republicans of the county are divided as to the advisability of holding but one convention, both sides apparently consider it best to be prepared.

In this connection a leading politician of this city has secured what is claimed to be an accurate poll of the State Central Committee on the question. This poll shows that 25 of the 36 members are favorable to the one-convention idea, eight are opposed and it has been impossible to get the other five to express a preference either

REWARD FOR MINE DYNAMITERS.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 9.—The Boston & Montana Mining Company, of the Algonquin district, has offered a reward of \$5000 for information which will lead to the conviction of those guilty of dynamiting the Pennsylvania workings and causing the death of Samuel Olson and Fred Dyer, January 1.

Dr. Robertson Operated Upon.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—Dr. C. H. Robertson, of this city, is ill with appendicitis. An operation was performed today by Dr. W. H. Moore, assisted by Dr. W. H. Byrd and Dr. A. E. Tamm. The patient is reported doing as well as could be expected.

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