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GENERAL WILSON FIGURES COST

Submits Estimates for River and Harbor Works Already Authorized.

THE SEA COAST DEFENSES
Considerable Attention Has Been Given to the Subject of the Defenses of Our Insular Possessions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The annual report of the chief engineers of the army, Brigadier General John H. Wilson, just made public, submits estimates for river and harbor works already authorized by congress but not provided by continuing contracts amounting to \$26,946,821. In addition he asks for \$15,582,626 to carry on works already contracted for.

The report shows that the existing approved projects for sea coast defenses contemplate the emplacement of about 540 heavy guns of 8, 10, 12, and 16-inch calibre, of about 800 rapid fire guns, of about 1,000 mortars, at an estimate approximate cost for the engineering work of \$65,000,000. An estimate of \$4,500,000 is submitted for continuing the work of construction of those batteries and for the defense of Porto Rico. The sum of \$5,663,000 was allotted by the president out of the national defense fund in all of the engineering departments. Under the head of fortifications General Wilson says that in addition to the thirty localities in the United States for which projects for permanent sea coast batteries have been made, the defenses of several other localities is now under consideration. Considerable study has been given to the subject of the defenses of our insular possessions, resulting in complete projects for San Juan and Pears Harbor, so that the construction of batteries for these

places can begin as soon as congress appropriates the funds.

Work on sea coast defenses have been vigorously carried on at 25 localities, nearly all of which are even now so supplied with heavy guns and mortars, as to permit of effective defense against naval attack. An increased rapid fire armament, General Wilson says, is now the most urgent necessity, there having been delay in securing these guns in the past year owing to difficulties with contractors.

With the rapid growth of the coast defenses the artillery organization, which must care for them, has been utterly unable to cope, and the difficulty has been increased by the withdrawal of two regiments for foreign service and by the necessity for service of skilled electricians and mechanics to care for the highly complex ordnance.

The work of installing dynamite batteries at San Francisco harbor has been completed but at Sandy Hook provisions remain to be made for the permanent protection of the guns in place. Turning to the subject of rivers and harbors, the chief of engineers expresses satisfaction at the working of the contract system generally.

A summary of the detailed estimate recommended for river and harbor work shows the following items: Coquille river, Oregon, \$75,000; Sitou river, Oregon, \$30,000; Columbia river at Cascades, \$150,000; Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Portland, \$322,464; waterway, Puget sound to lakes Union and Washington \$200,000; San Diego harbor, Cal., \$119,400; San Luis Obispo harbor, Cal., \$150,000.

In addition to the foregoing the following estimates are made under the continuing contract system:

Oakland, Cal., \$188,000; San Francisco harbor, \$170,000; San Pedro, Cal., \$200,000; Grays Harbor, Wash., \$345,000; Everett Harbor, Wash., \$150,000; Sacramento river, Cal., \$60,000.

DEWEY ON SPECIAL DUTY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Secretary Long has issued an order assigning Admiral Dewey to special duty at the navy department.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.

AN EXAMPLE FOR OREGON

INTRODUCING NEW FISH

Commissioner Little is Actively at Work Stocking Lakes and Rivers With Choice Eastern Species

Tacoma Ledger. Thirty thousand trout are coming to Pierce county to stock American, Gravelly, Stellacoom and other nearby lakes. State Fish Commissioner A. C. Little received a dispatch from the federal fish commissioner yesterday stating that the fisheries department's car containing the trout would be here Friday. They will be immediately apportioned among the different lakes of the county.

Fish are coming in the same car for lakes in the northwestern part of the state. It is expected Lake Whatcom and Lake Samish will be stocked with trout from the car, but 20,000 are to be supplied in Pierce county.

Congressman Cushman, Commissioner Little says, is entitled to the credit for securing the trout to stock Pierce county lakes. The commissioner and Mr. Cushman discussed the matter and Mr. Cushman pushed the application personally, appealing to the United States fish commissioner.

State Fish Commissioner A. C. Little will go east in a short time to secure the oysters and lobsters for the experiment of propagation in this state. He expected to go within a few days, but his recent illness will probably delay the start. Mr. Little will make all the arrangements for securing the bivalves and will have them sent west early in the spring.

Two cars of oysters and one of lobsters are to be procured. The experiments are to be conducted on Willapa harbor and Puget sound. The Willapa harbor experiments will probably be tried at or near Tokeland, and those on Puget sound at convenient points. The fish commissioner will have within a short time the results of the season's experiments on Willapa harbor and the result of investigations in the east made by Professor Doane of the Pullman Agricultural college. Professor Washburn's work at Yaquina bay, Ore., also furnishes some useful information to the department.

The pack of salmon on the Sound this year will be more than twice as large as that on the Columbia river. Estimates which have been made place the total pack as high as 900,000 cases,

but State Commissioner Little indorses the estimate of the Seattle Trade Register of \$54,500 cases, as the most nearly accurate. Other estimates run down to 800,000.

An estimate of the pack shows: Spring or chinook salmon, 30,000 cases; sockeyes, 514,000 cases; total spring pack, \$44,900; humpbacks, 238,000; cohoes or silver sides, 67,500; chums, 5,000; total, \$54,500.

The salmon fishing season on the Sound will not close for 30 days, though the run at present is lighter than it has been for some time.

The output of canned salmon, if it reaches the estimate of \$50,000 cases, will be double that of last year. The fish commissioner's report shows last year the total pack for the Sound was 400,200 cases, valued at \$1,000,800. The output for 1911 is shown to be 494,026 cases, valued at \$1,850,000.

BISMARCK'S APPETITE

From the London Globe. Among other amusing reminiscences of the late Prince Bismarck's appearing in Herr John Booth's Memoirs of the Iron Chancellor is one relating to the latter's gargantuan capacity for eating and drinking. He told the author that the largest number of oysters he ever ate was 175. He first ordered twenty-five, then, as they were very good, fifty more; and, consuming these, determined to eat nothing else, and ordered another hundred, to the great amusement of those present. Bismarck was then twenty-six, and had just returned from England. His views on smoking are of interest, though most people will be surprised to learn that in later years his powers of cigar smoking failed him.

THE INCENSE TRADE

From the Daily Graphic. There seems to be little doubt that the recent decision of the Archbishops with regard to the use of incense in Anglican churches will have no appreciable effect on the trade in that commodity. At most of the Anglican churches incense would be used only four times a year. A very small quantity of incense is required for an entire service. As far as can be ascertained no Anglican church would spend more than £5 a year on incense, and the entire trade is probably not worth more than £200 a year. It is popularly supposed that there is a trade secret in the making of incense, but in most cases it is composed simply of gum olibanum, Siam benjamin, cascarilla bark, myrrh and copal varnish.

TO DO IT'S OWN SWEARING.

From the Chicago News. Hoax—I have just patented an invention that will be of incalculable

benefit to the human race. Hoax—What is it? Hoax—A phonographic collar button that will make its own profanity when it rolls under the bureau.

AT THE CELEBRATION.

From the Philadelphia North American.

"Who are all the important looking men with broad smiles and big badges?"

"That's the republican committee." "And who's the modest looking fellow, off there in a corner?"

"Oh, that's Dewey."

ABOUT LIKE HIM.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Editor Atkinson is preparing a vigorous roast for Naval Constructor Hiehorn, who announces that the new battleships now being built under his direction are to be provided with quadruple expansion engines.

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