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Prominent Army Officers Say Congress Should Be Appealed to for a Change in the Law Relating to the Philippine Army.

NEW YORK, May 17.—A special to the Tribune from Washington, says: Army officers are becoming more concerned than ever over the danger believed to be involved in the policy adopted by the war department authorities in not appealing to congress to provide for a permanent increase in the enlisted strength at the present session. The necessity of a continuance of all the present available force in the Philippines for at least another year is now regarded as indisputable, yet under existing law it is imperative that a beginning must be made not later than November in the repatriation of troops serving there.

In the Philippines there are 31,000 regulars and 33,000 volunteers. By July 1 of next year, all these volunteers must have been discharged from the service and the entire regular army on duty in the United States and the islands must be reduced to 27,000. Allowing six thousand regulars for duty in the United States, Puerto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii, at least 43,000 men must be brought home from the Philippines before the end of the next fiscal year. With the present ocean transport facilities, neglecting chartered tramp steamers which are hardly fit to carry mules and forage, it will take at least six months to return and discharge the number of men essential to reduce the army to its authorized strength.

It is declared to be out of the question to attempt any reduction of the force in the Philippines just now, when as a matter of fact many operations have been ineffective for lack of force, and it is feared that when reductions begin in November the departure of the troops will have a disastrous effect by giving encouragement to Tagal leaders. But this is nothing compared to the danger of protracted debate over the proposed permanent increase in the next session of congress. Little can be expected in the way of such legislation in December or January and prominent officers frankly declare that the matter should be settled this summer.

SPECIMENS FROM PHILIPPINES.

Special Agent of Smithsonian Arrives in San Francisco With a Valuable Collection.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Colonel F. F. Hilder is back from his third visit to the Philippines in the interests of the Smithsonian Institution and is here on his way to Washington with the first lot of a collection of specimens that aggregate about 15,000 pieces, having a value of about \$12,000, and constitute an exhaustive exhibit of the manufactures, trades, arts, tools, domestic utensils, costumes, weapons, wood and industries of the Philippine islands.

The balance of the exhibits will arrive in the course of the next two months. The interesting display will be first arranged at the Pan-American exhibition that will open at Buffalo next May. Afterwards the collection will be returned to Washington and arranged as a Filipino department in the National Museum.

Colonel Hilder says that the greatest and most profitable industry of the future in the Philippines will be that connected with the marketing of magnificent timber that covers the islands. There are extensive groves of hard woods and other woods unknown to the commercial world. He has also made a collection of all the fibres of the country, among them the celebrated fibre from which Manila rope is made. This fibre, he says, is not hemp at all, but comes from a species of banana peculiar to the Philippines.

Next to the hard woods these fibres will be of a great commercial value.

THE INDIA FAMINE.

Awful Picture of the Situation as Drawn By a London Correspondent.

LONDON, May 17.—Dealing with the famine in the central provinces of India, which have an area equal to that of Austria and a population of nearly 11,000,000 and which were formerly most prosperous, the Daily Chronicle correspondent at Bilaspur writes:

"The demand for government assistance is unparalleled. In one district 46 percent are dependent on the sarkar for their daily bread, in two others the percentage is over 50. In the whole

area there 1,500,000 people with no other source of subsistence than government charity.

"In the eastern division where the crop failure was the most complete we have had the best opportunity of seeing the gigantic opportunity for grappling with the famine. The abomination of desolation is here. Not a tatter is seen in the fields.

"When the last rain failed and the rude peasantry saw the young rye shoots blasted by the fierce August sun, they were left without resources and the few silver ornaments which every Indian family possesses went at last. Then they crowded the relief works by hundreds of thousands."

BEHRING SEA SURVEY.

Preparations Being Made By the Government For Increased Work There

SEATTLE, May 17.—Under the direction of Captain J. F. Pratt, of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, preparations are being made to dispatch the United States steamers Pathfinder and Patterson to Behring Sea early next month, where they will be engaged during the season in surveying the coast of Alaska between St. Michael and Cape Prince of Wales.

Plans for the work of the coast and geodetic survey department in Alaskan waters have been almost completed for the season. The principal work will be done by the Pathfinder and the Patterson, the latter boat being commanded by Captain Pratt, who is a recognized authority on Alaskan waters. It is the policy of the department to do everything possible to make navigation in Behring Sea easy and profitable to merchantmen.

The coast is a terra incognita at this time, and on account of the immense growth of traffic between Puget Sound and Nome and York. There is a big demand from mariners for information concerning those waters.

NEW CANADIAN ELEVATORS.

Immense Preparations Made to Handle Next Season's Export Wheat.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Produce Exchange members are much interested in dispatches from Montreal stating that the harbor board there had accepted the plans of the Connors' syndicate to build a 1,000,000 bushel elevator at that port, with storehouses attached, having a storage capacity of 2,000,000 bushels. It is understood that the buildings are to be ready in time to handle this season's crop.

Mr. Connors said: "The company for which I got the land concessions has a Dominion charter and it will be known as the Canadian Inland Transportation Company. Money for its operation will be ready any day when needed. So far, we have done only surveying and preliminary engineering work at Montreal. We shall have the elevators finished by August. We are figuring on elevators at Montreal and Port Colborne, and on twenty-one boats by 1901, seven steamers, seventeen feet draught, 3,500 tons each, and fourteen barges of canal draught of 2,400 tons each. "We expect to put \$4,000,000 into the business. The steamers will carry 100,000 bushels and the barges 80,000 bushels each."

CHINESE AFFAIRS QUIESCENT.

Russian Aggressions Continue, But Attract No Attention, in View of the Approaching Wedding.

YOKOHAMA, May 5.—Via Victoria, B. C., May 17.—Affairs in China are in a state of extraordinary quiescence, while forebodings of coming storm are in the air. Russia has gained her point in Korea in the shape of a large tract of land bordering upon the magnificent harbor of Masampo.

Much chagrin is felt by the Japanese, and it is everywhere surmised that the day of reckoning cannot be long delayed. But all foreign and other considerations seem at present to be set aside and superseded in the absorption of the native mind by the approaching wedding festivities.

MONTANA REPUBLICANS.

Clark Denounced in Unmeasured Terms—A Strong Platform Adopted.

BUTTE, Mont., May 17.—The republican state convention met this morning.

After the appointment of committees, recess was taken until 2 o'clock. When the convention reassembled this afternoon and a list of delegates was reported from the committee on creden-

tials, it was moved to strike out the name of Ben D. Phillips as delegate from Teton county because he had voted for W. A. Clark for senator. The motion was adopted. The platform commends the administration of McKinley and calls for re-election of Senator Carter.

NATIONAL BANK LOANS.

New Regulations Under Which Present Restrictions Will Be Modified.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary Gage, before the house committee on banking and currency, on the bill restricting national bank officers and directors in making loans of the banks with which they are connected, approved the general provisions as to officers, but suggested modifications as to directors, which the committee will make.

The secretary also pointed out that the provision limiting loans to 10 percent of the capital was practically obsolete, and suggested that the limitation be fixed at two per cent of the assets with a proviso for collateral security when this limitation ran above 10 per cent of the capital stock.

The suggestion met with favor, and probably will be recommended by the committee.

A WORD TO THE WISE, ETC.

West Coast Trade. Puget Sound exports for April were \$1,351,583; imports, \$1,174,709. The total falls considerably below the record-breaking commerce of March, but keeps on piling up a surplus for the fiscal year ending July 1, in which practically every port in the district participates.

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REPRESENTATIVE

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THOMAS LINV.LLE
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FOR SHERIFF

VOTE FOR
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE
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OF ASTORIA.

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, April 26, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$243,584.77
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	145.48
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	15,500.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	89,168.24
Real Estate	9,414.63
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	890.97
Due from State Banks and Bankers	26,354.40
Due from approved reserve agents	90,501.12
Checks and other cash items	1,100.63
Notes of other National Banks	100.00
Nickels	45.05
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$112,140.00
Legal-tender notes	274.00
	\$112,414.00

Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)

Total.....\$587,362.39

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	29,640.59
National Bank notes outstanding	5,250.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	1,532.47
Individual deposits subject to check	\$398,598.18
Demand certificates of deposit	77,841.15
	\$475,959.33
Total	\$587,362.39

STATE OF OREGON, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1906.

C. R. THOMSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
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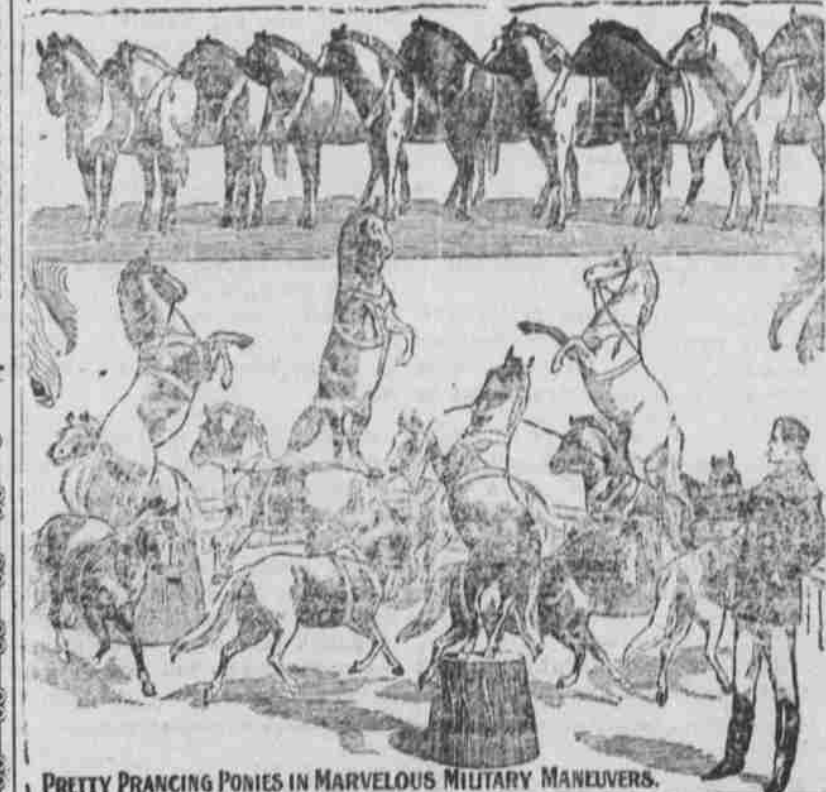
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