

NO A LIFE IS LOST ON WATER

Army Transport Service Is Excellent.

Annual Report of General Ludington Is Made Public in Washington D. C.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—General Ludington, quartermaster-general of the army, gives a lot of interesting information in his annual report in regard to the clothing, sheltering, transportation, etc., of the army during the past fiscal year. An idea of the magnitude of the transportation of the quartermaster's department is shown by the statement that it expended \$27,763,254 during the year, and had a balance of \$47,249,099 on hand July 1 last.

"Every care is taken," says General Ludington, "to secure supplies fully up to the requirements of the established standards and specifications, and it is believed that the present inspection system of the department is such as to obtain the best results."

During the year transportation was furnished, exclusive of the army transport service, for 1,012,259 persons, 12,014 animals, and 274,750 tons of material.

There were transported over bonded railroads 23,635 persons, 1,611 animals and 4,767,162 pounds of freight.

The cost of maintaining the 48 vessels owned by this department, exclusive of transports and boats in service in the Philippines, amounted to \$23,019.72. The chief quartermaster at Manila reports that one of the most expensive items in the conduct of the army transport service in the Philippines is lightering, due to lack of wharves at ports at which troops and supplies must be landed. The insular government has, however, commenced the construction of wharves at various ports, which, when completed will materially reduce the cost for inter-island transportation.

THE TRANSPORT SERVICE.

"Of the many thousands of persons who have been transported on vessels of the transport service since its inception," says General Ludington, "not one life has been sacrificed by reason of any fault in the fittings or accommodations upon the army."

"In view of this excellent record, and of the experience of the department in its efforts to secure suitable commercial ships for the transportation of the armies during the war with Spain, and the further fact that when withdrawn from active service the transports cannot be advantageously disposed of by sale, I am firmly convinced that, even though circumstances should permit the withdrawal of the transports from regular line service to the Philippine islands, it would be wise policy to retain a sufficient number of transports as a part of the equipment of the army, to be economically cared for and kept in such condition as to be available for any emergency which may arise requiring the transportation of troops on the ocean."

BARACKS AND QUARTERS.

Congress, in the act making appropriations for the support of the army for the last fiscal year provided, under the head of "Baracks and quarters," the sum of \$2,000,000, of which there was expended during the year \$2,934,676.49 for construction and repair of buildings, rents, etc., in the United States and insular possessions. The construction work was carried on at 23 points and stations, and comprised the erection of quarters for commissioned and non-commissioned officers, barracks for troops, stables, guardhouses, band stands, wagon sheds, administration buildings, storehouses, ordnance repair shops, coal sheds, gun sheds, etc.

During the fiscal year there were rented

in the Philippine Islands 876 buildings for shelter of officers, troops and stores; in addition, there were 59 convents, 20 insular government buildings, and 40 buildings belonging to the United States set aside for use of the army, under provisions of the treaty of Paris, occupied as barracks, quarters and storehouses, for which no rent was paid.

The building operations during the year were extensive, especially in Manila, where 16 storehouses are under construction. These structures are on land adjoining the new harbor of Manila, loaned for that purpose by the insular government. When they are completed the rented storehouses in the city of Manila for the use of the quartermaster's and subsistence departments will be given up.

COST OF BUILDING.

"The increased price of building material," says the quartermaster-general, "and also of the cost of skilled labor, and also in the building trades throughout the United States, has tended to increase the cost of buildings erected under contracts during the period covered by this report, the increase being in some cases as much as 20 per cent over the prices prevailing one and two years ago. There is also a tendency on the part of bidders for construction work to require in their proposals more time for completing buildings, due, as is stated by them, to the difficulties they experienced in securing prompt delivery of material. This upward tendency of prices for material and labor still continues and will materially affect the cost of construction during the current fiscal year."

During the year the sum of \$5,665,794.92 was available for use in providing clothing and equipment supplies for the army and militia. Of this amount, \$2,696,136.63 was remitted to officers of the department and requisition for \$2,969,658.29 in settlements made by the treasury on account of claims, leaving a balance on hand June 30 of \$4,947,125.57.

BURIAL OF SOLDIERS.

There are 83 national cemeteries under the control of the quartermaster's department, in which there were interred 1,839 bodies between July 1, 1901, and June 30, 1902, making a total of 246,222 interments in these cemeteries.

The Philippines has continued the work

of obtaining, reinforcing in suitable metal-lined caskets and shipping to San Francisco, Cal., the remains of officers, soldiers, sailors, marines and (when appropriate) civilian employees of the army who died or were killed in these islands. Upon arrival in San Francisco the remains were interred in the national cemetery at that point or shipped to their former homes at public expense when applied for by nearest relatives. Remains have also been returned from China, Hawaii, Japan, Alaska and Cuba. The total number of bodies brought to the United States during the past year was 1,131, of which number 1,016 came from the Philippines. "The department," says General Ludington, "has suffered some criticism from relatives and friends on account of delay in shipping remains due to the cholera epidemic, climatic conditions and the great difficulties at all times to be contended with in the proper performance of this important work. The officers of the department, however, cognizant of the sacred duty devolving upon them, have shown all possible consideration for the bereaved families and extended every available facility for securing the return of remains with the utmost dispatch, and grateful appreciation, as well as the exceptional liberality of the government in returning the remains of our honored dead, is expressed in many communications received at this office."

In concluding his report, General Ludington

expresses his appreciation of the aid and helpful co-operation extended to me by all the officers of the corps in the administration of the affairs of the department." He says he also "takes pleasure in acknowledging the faithful and efficient services of the force in this office to whom credit is due for successful efforts to prevent the great volume of work from falling in arrears."

FRANCHISE LAID OVER

Blanket Ordinance Referred to Special Meeting of Council.

Referred to the street committee was the fate of the blanket franchise at the common council meeting yesterday.

The street committee will meet tomorrow night and go over the proposition thoroughly, and Monday night a special session of the council is called to act finally in the matter. The only objection to the ordinance is the fact that the company is exempted from certain liabilities that the councilmen think it should assume.

Copies of the franchise are now ready, and altogether 26 old franchisees are to be surrendered. The Portland Railway Company is granted rights of all their old franchises on East and West side streets.

The company is permitted to build upon First street, from Couch to Jefferson, but not until rights formerly granted Smith, Glass and Dekum to maintain a railway on said street shall have expired.

The company will be compelled to do much more street repairing than now enforced by the numerous ordinances. The city reserves the right to grant a franchise to any other company to run over the Burnside street bridge, from Union avenue to First street.

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Big Movement to Begin on Sunday.

Old Plan Will Be Adopted All Over English Speaking World on That Day.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Not alone in New York city or America will pledge to cease the use of intoxicating liquors be presented for signature on Sunday, November 23, but throughout England as well. The movement is the result of work of the National Temperance Society, which has its headquarters in this city. It is hoped to secure many thousands of converts to abstinence on that date. The plans for the movement have been in progress for some time. Mr. Hervey

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The regular annual banquet provided for in the constitution of the Loyal Legion was held last evening in the parlors of the Hotel Portland.

About 40 guests and members were present, among them being: Col. D. B. Bush, U. S. V.; Gen. D. W. Burke, U. S. A.; Capt. G. E. Calkins, U. S. V.; Assistant Engineer P. G. Bastwick, U. S. N.; Capt. R. S. Greenleaf, U. S. V.; Lieut. Arthur Haine, U. S. V.; Col. James Jackson, U. S. A.; Lieut. T. A. Jordan, U. S. V.; Mr. William Kapus, Lieut. E. Martin, U. S. V.; Mr. Wallace McCamant, Maj. W. W. McCammon, U. S. A.; Mr. E. C. Meers, U. S. A.; Goodale, U. S. A.; Col. F. H. Hathaway, U. S. A.; Lieut. R. C. Van Horn, U. S. A.; Maj. R. K. Evans, U. S. A.; Maj. W. M. Waterbury, U. S. A.; Lieut. R. D. Fulvo, U. S. A.; Maj. John Murphy, U. S. A.; Capt. J. D. Merryman, U. S. V.; Capt. C. Rockwell, U. S. V.; Mr. R. G. Morrow, Gen. George M. Randall, U. S. A.; Lieut. T. C. Smith, U. S. V.; Maj. E. Y. Lansing, U. S. V.; Capt. R. B. Tuttle, U. S. V.; Mr. Charles E. Warren, Lieut. H. Sutcliffe, U. S. V.; Maj. J. H. Woodward, U. S. V.; Capt. V. R. Hart, U. S. V.

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LONDON, Nov. 20.—Paris specials in the morning papers tell of the attempt by anarchists to prolong the French coal strike by taking a hand and breaking up the miners' meetings.

POTTER MAKING THE RUN.

Queen of River Boats Has Been Put on the Astoria Run.

The popular steamer, the T. J. Potter, is now making the Astoria run. It will be good news to the traveling public.

See C. R. & N. time card.

WEDDING OF NOTE

Chicago the Scene of Marriage in High Life.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—A wedding of note in Chicago today was that of Miss Estabrook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Estabrook, and Mr. Carl P. Roebeling, a member of the famous Roebeling family of Trenton, N. J., builders of the Brooklyn bridge and other mammoth structures of the kind. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents in Dearborn avenue. Miss Grace Sanger was the maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Katherine Feagans of New York, Miss Lillian Wetmore of New Britain, Conn., and Miss Helen Peck of Omaha. The best man was W. F. Roebeling of Trenton. The ushers were Thomas Riggs, Jr., of Washington, Dr. Thomas Smith of New York, William A. Anderson of Trenton and Edward Ford Johnson of Chicago.

A TOWN SOLD.

Elizabethton, Tenn., Went Under Sheriff's Hammer.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 20.—Practically the entire town of Elizabethton, the county seat of Carter County and once heralded as "The Iron City of the South," goes under the sheriff's hammer at public sale today. The sale marks the final chapter in the history of the most gigantic enterprises ever floated in this section of the country.

The town was projected by the Watauga Land Company, which included among its backers J. G. Carlisle of Kentucky, Senator McComas of Maryland, Robert P. Porter and other men of national fame. The city was to be the seat of innumerable enterprises of mammoth size and as a matter of fact was actually decided upon as the location for the naval armor manufactory of the United States. All of these plans, however, were knocked sky-high by the floods of 1901, and today the entire property, including over 1,000 acres of land, is estimated to not exceed \$50,000 in value.

THE OLD PLAN.

The plan is hailed as a return to the old idea of dealing with the individual in temperance work rather than with whole communities by means of prohibitory laws. In the last generation the signing of the total abstinence pledge played a much larger part than it does at the present day. Thousands signed it, and though some broke it, the great majority kept it, it is said, and a great deal of good was accomplished. In succeeding years, however, the temperance agitators began to seek to attain their ends through legislation; hence the local-option laws and enactments of a wider scope that are enforced in many states.

The fact that laws, be they good or bad, cannot be enforced without a constituent public opinion behind them, however, has made the idea of prohibition less popular for the time being. Many of the younger folk who have grown up within the course of the last two decades or more are not pledge-signers; therefore, the idea of the movement that is about to begin is to enlist these new recruits, and thus strengthen the temperance forces everywhere. When this has been done, the temperance reformers assert, a stronger public opinion will have been created against the liquor evil—a consummation which will result in a great advance in prohibitory legislation in the coming years.

FOR THE YOUNG.

In order to reach the young people, the efforts of the Sunday schools and various young people's societies of the different denominations will be enlisted. It is hoped that a couple of million names can be secured, at the lowest.

At present the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Maryland is making arrangements to insure the required degree of attention to the movement. Through its workers the pastors of the city and state will be requested to preach temperance sermons on the 23d day of this month, and on the same day appropriate addresses will be made in the Sabbath schools. Leaflets and other literature will be distributed to the pupils.

Other states will do the same.

RAILROAD FROM NOME.

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—After a meeting of the Pioneer Mining Company late yesterday it was announced that a railroad line would be constructed from Nome to Circle City. It is the intention to have the line in full operation by the end of next season and the year following it will be extended to Salmon River and Cascade Paga.

TRUNK GOES ASTRAY.

A novel suit was filed late yesterday in the State Circuit Court by Jules Ascheim, a New York City Jeweler, against the Southern Pacific Company. Ascheim alleges that one of his trunks, containing diamonds and other jewelry, mislaid while enroute from San Francisco to Portland. When arriving in this city and calling for his traveling trunk he was delivered a trunk containing feminine apparel. The valuable trunk was finally traced by Pinkerton detectives which Mr. Ascheim says in his complaint entailed the cost of \$1,000, for which sum he sues.

ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN TOWN

Mount Vernon, Wash. Fired Three Times.

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(Journal Special Service.)

TACOMA, Nov. 20.—There is great excitement at Mount Vernon, Wash., the county seat of Skagit County, over three attempts made last night to destroy that place by fire. During the prevalence of a high wind three incendiary blazes were started and had it not been for the prompt response and heroic efforts of the volunteer fire department the entire city would without doubt have been burned. Men with guns started out upon a hunt for the criminal who is the author of the fires but he could not be found. The loss was not heavy but the effort to complete the destruction was most determined.

TO SAVE TIMBER.

TACOMA, Nov. 20.—Southwestern Washington loggers are preparing to cut, within the next two years, 2,000,000,000 feet of timber that was left standing, but was decimated by the forest fires of the district between the Cascade Mountains and the Cowlitz River. This course is rendered necessary to save the timber which has been killed and will not decay in 20 months. The fire that ran through the forests did not burn the trees into ashes but simply ran through the branches and limbs. The life of the tree was destroyed, but there is much good lumber that can be obtained in the burned districts.

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