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THE DEFENSES ALONG SEACOAST

General Resume in Report of Engineer.

Twenty-Five Principal Harbors Are Effectively Guarded--Washington Approach.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The annual report of Gen. G. I. Gillespie, chief of engineers of the United States army, presents a comprehensive view of the condition of fortifications throughout the country. After giving a list of the 31 points at which projects for permanent seacoast defenses have been adopted, the report says that the defense of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence is under consideration, and also that projects for defenses for Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, Manila and Subig Bay have been approved.

SEA-COAST WORKS. According to the report the seacoast defenses are now somewhat more than 50 per cent completed, 25 of the principal harbors of the United States have a sufficient number of heavy guns and mortars mounted to permit an effective defense against naval attack, and during the past two years considerable progress has been made in the installation of an adequate rapid-fire armament, now the matter of first importance. The existing projects comprise 256 heavy guns, 1,234 rapid-fire guns and 544 mortars. The total cost of the engineering work is estimated at \$50,000,000, including what has been completed as well as what remains to be done. Recommendation is made that authority be given for the resumption of the manufacture of mortars, which, it is claimed, are an effective defense within their range. Up to the present time provision has been made for emplacing 331 heavy guns, 483 rapid-fire guns and 276 12-inch mortars. During the past year the addition to the completed armament of the coast amounted to eight 8-inch guns, three 6-inch guns, 20 rapid-fire guns and 34 mortars. It is intended to devote the appropriation of last June to the construction of emplacements for two 12-inch guns, three 8-inch guns, 44 6-inch guns and 52 15-pounders.

CAPITALS DEFENSE. Regarding the defenses at Washington, Gen. Gillespie says: "At the close of the fiscal year 1902 there were completed emplacements for six 10-inch guns, three 8-inch guns, two 4-inch rapid-fire guns, two 6-inch guns on disappearing carriages, two 5-inch guns on balanced-pillar mounts and eight 12-inch mortars. In addition there were under construction emplacements for five 5-inch rapid-fire guns on balanced-pillar mounts. The latter are completed with the exception of the platforms, which cannot be finished until the mounts arrive.

"The four battery commanders' stations pertaining to the approved system of fire control are completed. "During the past fiscal year an electric light and power plant was installed in the 8-inch battery and an electric-light outfit placed in both the mortar battery and the 6-inch battery.

"Necessary repairs were made to the batteries and buildings. "Some repairs to the wharf at Fort Foote, with an allotment of \$50, have been made. Other minor repairs to wharf and roadway and to shore protection are needed.

RIVER AND HARBOR WORK. The report contains a complete resume of the river and harbor improvements for the year, which are under the supervision of the engineer corps, but, owing to the fact that no river and harbor bill will be passed by Congress at its next session, no estimates are given of the amounts necessary to prosecute special improvement projects. There is, however, an estimate in the lump for money required, as follows: Under continuing contracts, \$18,570,239; under California debris commission, \$15,000; prevention of deposits in New York harbor, \$120,000; enlargement of Governor's Island, New York harbor, \$400,000. The Mississippi River Commission submits an estimate amounting to \$2,500,000. The appropriation of funds required under these estimates will be made, as usual, in alternate years, in the sundry civil appropriation bill.

During the past year the expenditures amounted in the aggregate to \$14,411,52.

TO BE A TRAINING SHIP. Upon the conclusion of the maneuvers in the Caribbean sea this winter it is the intention of the navy department to detach the cruiser Prairie from the North Atlantic squadron and fit her out as a training ship, says the Washington Star. This action is in view of the large number of recruits that have recently been gathered from all parts of the country by the recruiting parties sent out last summer.

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C. M. BECKWITH IS CONSECRATED

Is Made Bishop of Alabama Today.

Impressive Ceremony at Montgomery, Ala., on Occasion of New Diocese Leader's Installation

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 17.—The Rev. Charles M. Beckwith, D. D., was consecrated bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Alabama in St. John's Church today. The services, which began at 10:30 o'clock, were presided over by the Right Rev. Thomas M. Dudley, bishop of Kentucky, assisted by the co-consecrators, the Right Rev. Alexander G. Garrett, bishop of Dallas, and the Right Rev. C. K. Nelson, bishop of Georgia. Besides the presiding bishops and the consecrators, a number of other bishops of the South and Middle West were present.

The attending presbytery were the Rev. William B. Beckwith, D. D., of Tennessee, and Rev. Arthur B. Kincaid of New York. The Rev. J. C. Glass of Anson was deputy registrar and the Rev. E. T. Cobbs of Montgomery was master of ceremonies. One of the most impressive features of the ceremony was the entrance of the procession, which came into the church in two divisions. The procession was preceded by a crucifer vested in scarlet cassock and gilded alb. Then came the vestry, the standing committees of the diocese, the deacons and priests of the diocese, and the visiting bishops. Prominent lay members of the church were present from many parts of the state and the church, spacious though it is, was crowded to the doors long before the opening musical service began.

SECOND DIVISION. The second division of the procession consisted of the presenting bishop, the bishop-elect and his attendants, the preacher, the co-consecrators, and, closing the procession, the presiding bishop. The presenting bishops were the Right Rev. Elison Capers, bishop of South Carolina, and Right Rev. J. E. Chesire, bishop of North Carolina. The sermon was delivered by the Right Rev. G. H. Kincaid, bishop of Texas. Following the close of the ceremonies there was an informal reception for the visiting bishops and others.

The Right Rev. Charles Minnegerode Beckwith, the new bishop of Alabama, was born 48 years ago in Petersburg, Va. He is a nephew of the late Bishop Beckwith of Georgia, and was named for the celebrated Dr. Minnegerode of Richmond. He received his early education at the University of Virginia and took the theological course at Sewanee. He was next master of the grammar school at Sewanee, and after taking orders became rector of St. Luke's Church, Houston, where he served seven years, afterwards locating in Galveston, where he continued to reside until called upon to preside over the diocese of Alabama.

CHURCH FEDERATION. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The Federation of Churches and Christian Workers of Northern California is to be organized permanently at a convention which opens in the Y. M. C. A. hall this evening and continues through tomorrow. The organization is to be formed along the same lines as similar federations existing among the churches of the east. Committees will be appointed on moral reform, evangelizing the state, missionary work, etc. The movement is regarded as of far-reaching significance and one of the most important of the last decade among religious workers. One of the problems to be solved is the overhauling of small towns.

WOMAN WAS STRANGLER. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—A coroner's jury has decided that Mary Collins was murdered by strangulation. The woman's body was found Sunday in a small shack at Twenty-ninth avenue and Jackson street by a group of children playing near the place. Finger marks about the woman's neck and other evidence strengthen a murder theory. Robbery is believed to have been the motive of the crime, as a purse containing a sum of money which she usually carried is missing. The robbery, though, missed \$15 which was sewed in the woman's dress.

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ASHLAND GOES WET

License Ticket Elected After a Hot Campaign.

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—The Non-partisan Anti-saloon League met with defeat in the election held here yesterday, after one of the most active campaigns in the history of the city. The league had placed a ticket in the field by petition and an aggressive fight was made to secure the election of the nominees. A mass meeting was held Sunday evening at the opera house, which was addressed by a number of the city clergymen. Prayer meetings were held yesterday at several of the churches and prayers were offered for the success of the ticket. Opposed to the anti-saloon ticket was the labor union citizens' ticket, which was nominated by a mass convention of the unions and afterward ratified by a citizens' convention. The present City Council is composed of four prohibition and two license members. The incoming Council will be equally divided between the prohibitionists and the license men. Their destiny will be cast by the mayor-elect, D. P. Provost, who was the license candidate.

LAYING TRACK

Work Being Pushed on Williams Avenue Line by C. & S.

A large force of men and teams are engaged in the laying of a double track for the City & Suburban Company on Williams avenue, between Cherry and Stanton streets. A much heavier rail will be laid on the new line and the company expects to give a better service when it is completed. An independent trestle is being built over the upper end of the Montgomery Gulch Slough, and the company intends to make the line one of the smoothest in the city. The track-laying is progressing rapidly.

RAILROAD PHOTOGRAPHY.

At least one railroad has adopted photography as a substitute for written reports on construction work. If a grade-crossing is being changed, or a bridge is building, photographs are taken at stated periods, and these are preserved, not only as a record of the progress of the work, but as illustrations of method. Photographs are also taken of all the resources of the road in the way of material, and of every mile of track, showing curves, grades, crossings and switches. Photographs are made of trains in various combinations of circumstances, and the road's book of rules is illustrated with them, for the information and guidance of employes.

MAKING GUNS INVISIBLE.

A curious and interesting experiment was recently made by the military authorities at Aldershot, England. The guns and carriages of a battery of artillery were painted with dabs and streaks of red, blue and yellow, and were then placed in position on outlying hills. The old way in which they were painted made them harmonize so perfectly with their surroundings that they could not be located at a distance of 2,000 yards, even with the aid of field glasses. The officers all knew in what direction the guns lay, and yet they could not point them out. Some horse-artillery, sent out to engage the guns in mimic battle, advanced within 1,000 yards before discovering them.

WILL SPANK HIS LAZY DISCIPLES

John Dowie Threatens to Use the Shingle.

Chosen People Have Been Tardy in Getting to Church and Forgetful of Their Duties.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—"I am tired talking to you and trying to get you to do what's right. You are growing lazy and forgetful of your duties in Zion. If you don't get up earlier I propose to spank you and make you more zealous."

John Alexander Dowie addressed 1,500 of his chosen people in the above strenuous language at Zion City. He said that many of his followers were growing lukewarm in their duties, that attendance at the 6:30 services in the morning and the general gathering in the Auditorium in Chicago on Sunday was dwindling. Then he hurled his threat of applying the shingle unless they reformed, at his people.

There is a fortune in this for an enterprising biograph operator. A moving picture of Dowie vigorously applying a pudding-stick to the south exposure of Deacon Knutt would prove a drawing card for at least one season on the Western circuit. The promoter of sensations appears to be having some trouble in keeping his disciples in line when digging time arrives. "Some of our officials have been playing the groundhog with us," said Dowie. "We discharged a few of them, and there will be some others removed if the funds entrusted to them are not faithfully administered."

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