

## WHAT KILLS THE ARMY

Striking Letter From Private to Chairman Hull of House Committee on Military Affairs Offers Some Good Advice.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Chairman Hull of the house committee on military affairs in the Fifty-ninth congress and presumably slated for the same place in the Sixtieth has received a striking letter from a former enlisted man in the regular army, now residing in a country town in New Jersey. It was evoked by the reports concerning the bill providing for increased pay for the officers and enlisted men in the regular army to be urged before congress this session, and gives the opinions of a man who has had experience "behind the gun" under present conditions in the army, and his views of what is necessary to bring about desired reforms and improvements. It is a point of view not often afforded to legislators, and is usually guided in their deliberations by the recommendations of officers alone.

**Man of Intelligence.**  
Although the letter betrays the lack of early education, it shows the writer to be a man of intelligence and acute observation, together with firm convictions. He agrees with many, he says, in the belief that the army of the present is little better than no army, but there is no good reason for its not becoming the model army of the world, as we have the material of which to make it. He would confine enlistments as far as possible to native born Americans and discharge drunks and otherwise disorderly soldiers. To secure the kind of an army that is desired and which he says many have, the writer says several things are necessary. His first proposition, he concedes, is entirely foreign to the policy of the United States but the world over so far as he knows it is the foundation, however of the system he is in, and without its adoption all the rest would go to smash.

**Encourage matrimony and its home relations.** He believes that increase of pay, as proposed, would be for those only who married, and in proportion to the number of children. He would extend to rent, ration and clothing, and be shared by the children until they reach the age of 18 years. In a great measure the sons of many have the recruits for the army and navy, while the daughters, if agreeable, might be the wives of the officers, thus furnishing a perpetual supply of recruits.

**Makes Bad Soldiers.**  
"I am assuming," he continues, "that the army be stationed on military reservations as far from towns as practicable, as the tendency is to make good soldiers bad. A military population would grow up under military influences. Their number would be so large that educational and church advantages would be good. The power would lie in the hands of the officers, to make a model town. Fear of getting into the poorhouse would be reduced to a minimum; one incentive to the soldier would be removed, an increase in the size of American families encouraged. Here is where the ideal American population would be found; also, where we would be likely to get some of the best material for our military and naval schools."

**Other suggestions, more briefly put, are no less valuable.**  
"The power the president claims," he goes on, "of overriding the army and navy regulations, if he has that power, should be taken from him. It does not add to the efficiency of the service, such power belongs on the battlefield. No self-respecting man would enlist with his wife and children in the Twenty-fifth colored regiment."

"Thirty days' furlough yearly in time of peace; if checks desertion."

**Officers Upsh.**

"There is not that familiarity between officers and privates there ought to be for the good of the service. The former do not become sufficiently acquainted with the men to make promotions as they should. In these days of almost universal education, a West Pointer is not necessarily so much better morally or intellectually than the private. As a rule, the private is more honest and honest man, but turns out a brave and honest man, but an aristocrat. This must be overcome in a measure, but at the best the soldier is apt to cause him to become tyrannical. Petty tyranny is hard to manage. It does not quite call for a court-martial case if it is carried to the point of harming the service."

"Insufficient pay, in the opinion of the writer, is not the trouble with the army, nor will increased pay alone bring about more desirable conditions. Our army," he writes, "is patterned too much after those of Europe to be practical in a country with a democratic government. To this and the neglect to move forward as the people progressed in education is principally why our army is in its present state and why most of the people want nothing to do with it. If it be properly organized and the conditions of service made more in harmony with man's nature, recruits for it would be readily obtained as men to fill well positions. I had not the slightest difficulty in saving \$100 a year out of my \$13 a month, and a fair competence with allowances at retirement might be saved. That is better than the unskilled laborer can do, and from these are to be recruited the men to bring our army up to the standard where it ought to be."

"Officers are paid every dollar they are worth. The country is just as full of good men as they are hunting for jobs they cannot find. Look out how you raise the pay! Multiply your figures by 50,000, and ask yourself how long you can fight a bogger before the country is bankrupt."

**Krupp Visits Flores.**

Montevideo, Dec. 19.—A representative of the house of Krupp visited the island of Flores, which this government determined to fortify, for the purpose of estimating the class of guns required for the work, as lately announced in these dispatches.

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**VERDICT MARKET OPEN AT BUTTE**

**Juror Alleged to Have Said That One Gets Whatever One Pays For.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Butte, Mont., Dec. 20.—Upon sensational affidavits of James V. Collins, president of the Olympia Brewing company, and Detective Edward Morrissey and James Kraken, Amos Doney, a member of the jury panel now attending department No. 1 of the district court, was arrested on a bench warrant last night charged with soliciting a bribe. In the affidavits it is alleged that Doney agreed for the sum of \$50 to secure a verdict in favor of the defendant in a case involving the brewery. He is alleged to have stated that different members of the jury were appointed to take care of the various cases coming up and that verdicts were guaranteed.

**CELEBRATES 80TH YEAR OF PUBLICATION**

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 20.—El Mercurio, the leading newspaper of the republic, has just celebrated the 80th anniversary of its birth. It saluted the press of all Latin-America and invites it to struggle for the progress of these republics.

The clerks and other employees of commercial houses have determined to insist on the Sunday rest.

The government is studying a method to prevent the immigration of Chinese labor and other foreigners brought here by state account, which was intended to be used only for the more desirable classes and nations.

The producers of saltpetre are making arrangements for the formation of a thoroughly comprehensive trust of the business after the manner of the Standard Oil trust of North America. The government joins forces with the producers, to control the production and sale of the article.

This government has been notified by Salvador of its adherence to the sanitary convention subscribed in Washington in 1905.

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## RECEIPTS OF WESTERN STATES AND EXPENSES

Money Received From Public Land Sales, Internal Revenue, Etc.—Cost of Improvements of Columbia—Total Expense of the Government.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Secretary Cortelyou has reported to the congress the receipts from customs from Oregon during the past fiscal year to be \$1,140,612, of which there was collected in Portland, \$1,123,291; Astoria, \$17,319 and Yaquina, \$1,250.

The total for Washington, all ports, was \$1,662,053. From internal revenue the collections were in Oregon, \$273,423; Washington, \$1,046,238 and California, \$5,336,796.

The immense lead of New York state in both items is shown: Customs receipts, \$23,127,065; internal revenue, \$32,353,797.

The report of receipts from sales of public lands shows Oregon \$1,821,387, of which there was collected at Portland, \$163,796; The Dalles, \$344,276; Roseburg, \$16,004; La Grande, \$425,201; Burns, \$91,563; Lakeview, \$171,044; in Washington the receipts were \$660,714; California, \$867,370. Total receipts from land sales in the country were \$7,878,811.

The territorial government of Alaska cost \$51,473 in salaries, and \$4,919 in expenses.

The fine custom house at Portland cost in improvements only \$170,42, the Baker City postoffice only \$50, and the Salem public building, \$5,628.

During the year the government expended \$2,501 on its exhibit which was at the Lewis and Clark exposition, and \$1,332 on the exposition government buildings.

In harbor improvements the disbursements were: Entrance to Coos bay, Oregon, \$3,600; dredge for Oregon and Washington harbors, \$1,000; Grays harbor, Washington, \$10,000; Grays harbor and Chobals river, \$3,990.

River improvements cost: Columbia

and lower Willamette, below Portland, \$72,668; Columbia, at Cascades, \$270; Columbia, between Wenatchee and Bridgeport, \$1,000; Columbia, Washington, \$12,000; gauging waters of the Columbia, \$200; mouth of the Columbia, \$272,646; Columbia and Snake river, \$18,000; Coos river, \$500; Coquille river, \$4,400; Tillamook, \$3,990; Willamette and Yamhill, \$23,000.

The surveyor-general's offices at Portland cost in salaries, \$5,750; at Seattle, \$9,750.

Chair lake cost the government \$2,999.

Oregon's five per cent of the public land sales amounted to \$22,489; Washington, \$2,007,711; agricultural department, \$2,007,711; executive department, \$2,007,711.

Pacific northwest Indians cost, for support: Umatilla, Cayuse and Walla Walla, \$1,718; Yakima, \$3,581; Nez Perce, \$2,487; Warm Springs, Oregon, \$2,397; Klamath Indians, \$5,393, besides administration expenses at all reservations.

To maintain the Columbia river light-vessel, \$74,496 was the expense.

The summary of the nation's expenses shows the cost of the war department, \$77,174,980; state department, \$77,174,980; executive department, \$77,174,980; interior department, \$77,174,980; postoffice department, \$77,174,980; agricultural department, \$77,174,980; commerce and labor, \$77,174,980; judicial department, \$77,174,980.

It is an interesting fact that although the department of commerce and labor has been organized only a few years, its expenses equal those of the department of agriculture.

The grand total of the governmental department expense was, \$762,483,753, which did not include many millions of appropriations and some items which bring the actual outlay close to \$1,000,000,000.

These little animals at once began preying upon the rodents, going into their holes and killing them by the score.

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(United Press Leased Wire.)

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