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PASSING OF THE ARMY BILL.

The passage of the Hull army bill in the house of representatives yesterday by a majority of forty-three sends that measure to the senate under satisfactory conditions. The majority is larger than its opponents conceded and its friends expected it would have. In the four weeks and a little over of the life of the present congress which remains the bill will have a good chance to go through the senate. Powerful opposition was shown to the measure in the house. It will also be antagonized fiercely in the senate. Moreover, the Republicans have not a clear majority in that chamber. Consequently its friends will have a hard struggle in order to carry it. The chances, nevertheless, are in its favor, though it may be chanced from its present form. The lack, too, of any method of forcing a vote at any particular time if half a dozen persons attempt to prevent it will operate against the bill in the senate. Still, it is safe to predict that it will pass that body.

Unfortunately the measure in the shape in which it passed the house is not as good a bill as it was when originally framed. It provided for a minimum of 50,000 and a maximum of 100,000. The president is given discretion to limit enlistments to the minimum or to increase them to the maximum. Of course this will mean that the 100,000 figure will be reached, for the president will see that this number is necessary, and will use the power put in his hands to employ it if the bill reaches him in this form. The president will accept this responsibility without hesitation. Any other level-headed man in Mr. McKinley's place would also do this. Congress, however, on its own responsibility ought to have brought the army up to the 100,000 line. To preserve order in our extensive possessions and at the same time to man the sea coast defenses adequately at least this number will be needed. Nobody whose judgment has any weight with the country has any doubt on this point.

Many of the Democrats show, in dealing with this proposition to increase the regular army, their usual folly and demagoguery. Nearly all of them who have touched on this point in their speeches in the house urged the discharge of the volunteers immediately, but most of them were unwilling to increase the regular army to the extent of even a third of the number of men whom they want to send home. They urge a dangerous reduction of the army, regardless of the lesson which the unpreparedness of the country at the beginning of the Spanish war ought to teach. The Democracy's blindness and cowardice in keeping the regular army down to a small figure cost the country hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of lives in battle and in hospitals. If the country had had anything like the number of soldiers on hand which patriotism and common sense demanded Spain would have got out of Cuba last year, when bidden by the United States, without the firing of a shot on our part; Cuba would be free, as now; there would have been no war, and the lives and money expended would have been saved. But the Democracy learns neither wisdom nor patriotism through experience nor any other process. The Democratic party has diminished the effectiveness of the army bill but it will hardly be able to defeat that measure.—Globe Democrat.

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 J. P. Shannon, Plaintiff,
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 In virtue of an execution, decree and order of sale, duly issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Wasco, to me directed and dated the 28th day of December, 1898, upon a decree for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage, rendered and entered in said court on the 20th day of December, 1898, in the above entitled cause in favor of the plaintiff and against defendants, in the sum of thirty-two hundred and fifty-four dollars, and commanding me to make sale of the real property embraced in such decree of foreclosure and hereinafter described, I will, on the
7th day of February, 1899,
 at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, and at the front door of the County Court House in Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the defendants or either of them had on the 11th day of June, 1888, the date of the mortgage foreclosed herein, or which said defendant or any of the defendants herein, have since acquired, or now have in and to the following described property, situated and being in Wasco county, Oregon, to-wit:
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ROBERT KELLY,
 Sheriff of Wasco County, Or.

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