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FIGHTING FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES IS STRONG.

Report of Major General Ainsworth Shows Growth and Strength of the Army—About 5000 Added to Coast Service at the Present Session of Congress—Army as Reconstructed in 1901 Consist of 65,385 Men.

The report of Major General Ainsworth, military secretary of the United States army, provides some interesting information. The New York World says:

This report shows that there are more than 13,000,000 men in the United States available for military service. About 112,400 are organized in state militia.

The regular army, as organized under the act of 1901, consists of 66,385 officers and men, exclusive of the hospital corps and a provisional corps of some 5000 Philippine scouts. After the revolution congress reduced the continental army to 80 men, "with no officer above the rank of captain." By 1788 it had been increased to 595 men commanded by Lieutenant Colonel and Brevet Brigadier General Harmon. Around that nucleus the regular army has grown.

Nine years ago, at the outbreak of the war with Spain, the United States army consisted of about 25,000 men and officers. In February, 1901, congress authorized a permanent increase of the army to 100,000 men, including 12,000 native troops for service in Porto Rico and the Philippines. In June of that year all the Spanish war volunteers were mustered out.

The house this session has provided for an increase of 5000 in the coast artillery. The 112,000 odd militia can not be called into service outside of the state to which they belong except to resist invasion or to put down rebellion. It has always been the policy of the government to use volunteers rather than to increase the regular army strength. The advantage of this policy is that volunteers can be returned more easily to the pursuits of peace when the need for their services is ended.

The result is that, as General Ainsworth's report shows, there are millions of men available for defense, but only a limited number who are either fit or who could be used for foreign service. But the testimony of foreign military authorities is that in adaptability, resourcefulness, military intelligence and individual initiative the United States soldier is unequalled.

WEALTH LOADED UPON A BOY.
Many Times a Multi-Millionaire by Inheritance.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 21.—John Nicholas Brown, who can no longer

properly be called the "\$10,000,000 baby," but who is still the richest boy in the world, was 7 years old today. He was born on February 21, 1900, and by the death of his father, on May 1, of that year, and Harold Brown, his uncle, on May 11, of the same year, he became the heir and head of the family. His father's death left him \$5,000,000 and by his uncle's death he became the possessor of another \$5,000,000. By the time he is 21 years old these ten millions will have grown into 20 millions. When his grandmother, Mrs. John Carter Brown, dies, more millions will be piled on these, and when his mother, who was one of the rich Dresser sisters, dies, still more millions will be added.

Baby Brown came into the world puny and delicate, but he is now as sturdy a boy as any of his little playmates. His health, happiness and welfare is the especial care not only of his mother, but of a whole retinue of servants. Besides a special physician, two nurses and a governess, he has a special cook, a maid whose sole duty it is to look after the airing of his rooms, a maid to keep his clothes mended and look after his toys, and a maid to wash and sterilize his dishes.

He has three palatial residences and a yacht. His other and more prized possession include a \$1000 pony and a pet cow that feeds in a \$100,000 clover field.

But with all these luxuries and evidences of wealth John Nicholas Brown is a very democratic little chap, and no poor boy is too ragged to approach him. His mother does not limit him to playmates of the millionaire class and some of the poorer boys living in the neighborhood of the Brown palace are among his most cherished friends.

Neighbors Got Fooled.
"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Uncapher, of Grovetown, Stark Co., Ind. This King of cough and cold cures, is guaranteed by Tailman & Co., druggists, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Trial bottle free.

THE "UNWRITTEN LAW" AGAIN.

Urged in Defense of Two Brothers in "Ole Virginia."

Calpeper, Va., Feb. 21.—All this section of the state is agog in anticipation of the trial of the Strother brothers for the killing of their brother-in-law, William Bywaters, under circumstances that throws the accused young men back upon the so-called unwritten law for their defense and justification. Bywaters, it will be remembered, was shot to death at the Strother homestead within a few hours after he had married the sister of the young men who have freely confessed to the killing. Bywaters, it is said, was forced to marry the girl at the point of a revolver and it is further stated that he was attempting to abandon her when he was detected by the brothers in the act of escaping from the house and was shot to death. The victim belonged to a prominent family and was one of the best known young men socially in this part of the state.

The case against the Strother brothers was on the docket here for trial today, but it is more than likely that there will be some delay before the trial is actually begun. It is not expected, however, that the trial will be long delayed, as all the parties concerned are eager for the hearing. It is reported that Mrs. Viola Strother-Bywaters, the slain man's widow, has about recovered from her illness and will be ready to take the stand in behalf of her brothers. The latter are out on \$5000 bail and one of the interesting features of the case is the fact that one of the grand jurymen who indicted the young men, became one of their bondsmen. The trial will be presided over by a judge especially assigned to the circuit by Judge Swanson, to try the case.

"Grandma" Early, believed to be the earliest settler in Kansas, is still living in Atchison. Mrs. Early arrived at the famous old Shawnee mission, in what is now Johnson county, in 1839.

DEATH VALLEY IS MEASURED

LOWEST POINT IN THE UNITED STATES FOUND.

Geological Survey Makes Markings Through the Forbidden Desert—Highest and Lowest Points in the United States Within 75 Miles of Each—Mt. Whitney the Highest Recorded Point.

The depth of Death valley has at last been measured by the United States government, and geological markings have been left upon that weird region. By a strange coincidence in nature's organization, the highest and lowest points in the United States are within 75 miles of each other. Death valley being the lowest and Mt. Whitney, Cal., the highest. A geological bulletin says of the survey of the valley.

The United States geological survey has just completed a line of spirit levels through Death valley, California, much to the surprise of everyone familiar with the region has ascertained that the depth of that area is not so great as was supposed. The final computations of the results have not yet been made, but the preliminary figures give for the lowest point a depth of 276 feet below sea level.

Bennetts Well, which is near this point, is 266 feet below sea level. These figures may be altered by two or three feet when the final computations are made, but they are probably not more than three feet in error. The geological survey now has elevation marks on the highest and lowest points of dry land in the United States.

It is a strange coincidence that these two extremes are both in southern California and only 75 miles apart. Mount Whitney is a foot or two over 14,500 feet above sea level, while Death valley, as above stated, is 276 feet below. Before the Salton sink, also in southern California, was flooded by the Colorado river, it contained the lowest point of dry land in the United States, a spot 287 feet below sea level.

Previous estimates of the depth of Death valley, based on barometer readings gave for the lowest point figures varying from 250 to 450 feet below sea level. The level line of the geological survey is believed to be the first accurate determination of elevations in that locality that has ever been made.

CALIFORNIA'S ORANGE CROP.

This Year's Output Expected to Reach 30,000 Carloads.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—The agents of the transcontinental railroad companies have submitted a joint report to the effect that the season's orange shipments will aggregate 30,000 carloads. On the basis of 30 tons to the car, the tonnage will amount to 300,000.

The revenue of the railroads on oranges to eastern points is \$25 a ton. The Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe divide this business equally between them, so they will jointly receive from this traffic this season \$7,500,000. In addition to this the private refrigerator car lines get for the use of their equipment something like \$1,500,000.

Deducting what the two roads and two private car lines are to get, which is \$11,250,000, there will be left to the orange men \$12,750,000. Out of the latter the orange men have to pay the cost of production, cost of handling and commission to eastern houses, all of which is figured in, amounting in the aggregate to \$4,750,000. The net amount to the orange men will therefore be this season, according to the railroad experts, \$8,000,000.

Seven weeks ago—on January 5—five men were drowned eight miles west of Cascade Locks by the capsizing of a boat during a heavy fog. Four bodies have never been seen, but on February 18 the body of William B. Murray, county surveyor of Skamania county, Wash., was found in an eddy, near where the accident occurred.

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"The Woman in the Case."

Eugenie Blair will be seen here soon in the play with the best title any of the dramatists have made use of in many years, namely, "The Woman in the Case." A better name for a society drama could hardly be imagined. It is one of the greatest of the Clyde Fitch plays, and was voted by the public and critics of New York as being the best of many popular successes attributed to this author. Miss Blair this season has created the popular priced houses, and has literally created a sensation everywhere she has appeared.

Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Buckley's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Allegheny, Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed by Tailman & Co., drug store, 25c.



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A Salem dispatch says of the fate of several temperance measures: Local optionists appear to be in the minority in the house. Several measures relating to the temperance question were hastily disposed of today by indefinite postponement. The bills included one by Steen to determine habitual drunkards and prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to such persons and another by Edwards to prevent treating in saloons and other public resorts.

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