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FOR GREAT NAVY.

House Receives Naval Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The naval appropriation bill, reported to the House today, carries an appropriation of \$322,500 for the Puget Sound Navy-yard, in addition to amounts provided for the clerical and office force. This is but \$7000 less than the estimate submitted by the department, and about equal to the appropriation carried in the last naval bill. No appropriation is made for the purchase of land for enlarging the yards, as the department has not asked for such an appropriation owing to its inability to make satisfactory terms with the owners of land adjoining the yards. Again, no appropriation is made for a new drydock, as the department will not advocate this project until the yard has been extended.

The gauntlet thrown down by Senator Gorman, in his announced policy of internal improvement in place of naval construction, is taken up with vigor by the committee. The report says:

"The committee recommended the construction of more than the usual number of cruisers, in view of the fact that last year we provided for five large battleships. This will give a better proportion to our Navy.

"If we judge public sentiment, it is in favor of the continuance of the policy of building up our Navy. If we stopped now we would be left behind the leading countries of the world. The American people will not endorse the policy of sacrificing the American Navy for internal improvements, nor is there any such necessity. Foremost and above all must stand considerations of National defense, maintenance of our foreign policies, and protection of American citizens everywhere. The American people are not willing to lessen their influence on this hemisphere, nor forsake their interest on the other."

The appropriation for new ships for the Navy, as well as the completion of those now under construction, is dealt with in the report as follows:

"To complete all the ships authorized up to the present time, including their construction and machinery, armor and armament and equipment, will cost \$82,718,659, which may be divided as follows:

"Construction and machinery, \$46,532,450; armor and armament, \$35,789,209; equipment, \$400,000.

"Of this sum we appropriate in this bill \$19,826,860 for construction and machinery, and \$12,000,000 for armor and armament, making a total of \$31,827,860, which leaves a balance of \$50,891,699 to be appropriated hereafter."

The ships authorized are: One first-class battleship of 16,000 tons, cost \$7,775,000; two first-class armored cruisers of 14,500 tons, cost (each) \$6,505,000; three scout cruisers of not more than 3750 tons, cost (each) \$2,200,000; two colliers, to be capable of accompanying the battleship fleet, to carry 5000 tons of

cargo coal, total cost of each to be \$2,100,000.

The total cost of the above program will be \$28,885,000. It is left within the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy to build any or all of these ships in Government navy-yards, in case it shall appear that the shipbuilding concerns have entered into any commission or understanding to deprive the Government of fair and unrestricted competition in letting contracts for the construction of any of these vessels.

It is stated that the greatest naval problem of the day is the training of men for the Navy. An increase of 3000 men is provided for and a training station on the Great Lakes recommended. When this station is completed and the facilities for training men, a large yearly increase will be demanded.

The report gives in detail, illustrated with colored plates, the strength of the various navies of the world. The total amount of the bill is \$96,338,038.

Life of a Russian Soldier.

Martin Markason, formerly an officer in the Russian army, gives this interesting glimpse of the life of the soldier of the czar, says the Portland Journal.

"In Russia the land is nearly all owned by a monopoly of barons and the mines are owned by the government and a farmer would consider himself very lucky if he owned from one to 10 acres of land. The poor farmers both men and women, work from daylight until dark for from about 25 to 50 cents a day and the farm worker who does not own any land is very fortunate if he gets a share of the crop and a small amount of cash. The farm workers have no stated hours of labor, but are compelled to work as long as the foreman wishes them to. They are compelled to work upon the land of the pits free of charge and must donate anything that they possess upon request. They believe that the czar is the god of the land.

"When one considers that in the Russian army a private draws but 90 cents a quarter, a corporal \$1.10, a sergeant \$4.50 and a first sergeant about \$25 a year, one can easily imagine what the officers get. Out of this money the men must keep their shoes polished and their clothes neat. If they have any more money at all they must get it from home.

"The rations consist of two meals a day. The men are allowed three pounds of black rye bread a day and one half pound of meat and one quart of soup. In the evening all that they get is mush. The bread is issued for five or ten days ahead and if the soldier has any left he takes it into the market and sells it. The only hope that the soldier has of increasing his income is by working for the land barons during harvest time, when they are often detailed by the government to do this work. For this service they are allowed about 50 cents a day.

"Their hatred of the Jews arises from the fact that they are jealous of the prosperity of the race."

More Ships Lost.

London, Feb. 12.—In a dispatch from Shanghai dated Feb. 12, 2 A. M., a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The bombardment of Port Arthur continues. Three Russian cruisers have been sunk. The Russian Bank building has been destroyed."

In a dispatch from Nagasaki, dated February 10, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:

"There has been a renewed attack on Port Arthur. The Japanese captured seven Russian ships and chased others. There have been disturbances at Port Arthur in which a number of Japanese civilians were killed or imprisoned. A Chinese mob has destroyed the telegraph line around Niu Chwang."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Reuters Telegram Company cables that the naval headquarters' staff there announces that in a fight at Port Arthur six Japanese ships were slightly damaged, and 50 Japanese were killed and 150 wounded.

SCREEN OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Philadelphia Man Makes Queer Use of 40,000 of Canceled Government Tokens.

A most interesting screen composed of about 40,000 postage stamps, is on the point of completion by a Philadelphian, says the Philadelphia Record. It is of four panels. The handsome frame, with ledge on top shelf, is of quartered oak, the dark, English weathered variety. This is in rich contrast with the panels, which are completed entirely of canceled postage stamps of every denomination from \$50 to something like a tenth of a cent. Not only is every nation represented, but there is a good variety for each nation, and odd as well as new issues are arranged in wonderful variety. The peculiar colors used in postage stamps lend themselves admirably and grow still more mellow in a few years.

C. E. Schermerhorn, who is having it made, says the stamps are stuck on combs, which is both light and strong. It is alike on both sides, seven feet in height, each of the inserted panels measuring six feet by two feet and a half. In spite of the fact that very many of the stamps were collected by friends, the screen has cost about \$100. And \$500 wouldn't buy it.

VIVISECTION IN ENGLAND.

Total Number of Experiments During Last Year on Living Animals Almost 15,000.

A return was issued recently at London showing the number of experiments performed in the year 1902 on living animals. The total number for England and Scotland was 14,906, being 3,261 more than in 1901.

Of these 12,776 were performed without anesthetics. These were mostly inoculations and simple matters, such as abstraction of a small quantity of blood. No experiment involving anything serious was allowed to be made without the use of an anesthetic.

Of the 319 persons licensed to experiment 112 performed no experiments.

It is pointed out that a very large number of experiments are made on behalf of public bodies. These include the local government board, the House of Commons ventilation committee, the royal commission on tuberculosis, the board of agriculture, and various county councils and municipal corporations.

Real Crimes Decreasing.

The number of crimes increases necessarily as civilization advances, because new laws are made constituting new crimes. While the number of violations of law increases, the number of atrocious crimes diminishes. The fact is that the increase in the criminal statistics is almost entirely in the newer and lighter offense.

Isenburg is Suspended.

A Washington dispatch says: M. P. Isenburg, supervisor of the north half of the Cascade forest reserve, has been suspended because of oral charges brought against him by Senator Fulton and Representative Williamson, alleging that he is a drunkard, and on that account incapacitated for duty.

The Senator and Congressman have promised to file their charges in writing, and when they do the matter will be placed in the hands of a special agent for investigation. If it is found that Isenburg is guilty as charged, his services will be dispensed with.

The president will name the isthmian canal commission immediately upon the ratification of the treaty.

BUSINESS LOCALS

and want ads of all descriptions will hereafter be published in a column by themselves.

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After it was learned that the citizens of Corvallis had secretly arranged to turn the electric light suddenly upon a seance of some traveling spiritualists, they left town and refused to hold a seance.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Morrow County Land & Trust Company will be held at the office of the Company in Heppner, on Saturday, March 12, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and other business that may come before the meeting.

R. F. HYND, Secretary.

Heppner, Or., Feb. 3, 1903.

The editorial page of the Weekly Oregonian gives a broad treatment to a wide range of subjects.

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