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## THE APPROPRIATIONS

### Annual Reports of the Heads of Departments.

#### THE BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION

The First Assistant Postmaster-General Makes Some Recommendations in His Report.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Commodore Philip Hichborn, chief of the bureau of construction and of the navy, has completed his report of the year. The report includes estimates for appropriations for next year, the most important being \$5,950,549, to be expended on vessels authorized by congress for the increase of the navy. He also asks for \$1,500,000 for the general repair of vessels and purchase of stores and machinery; \$328,000 for the continuance of work already authorized on the Hartford, the Chicago and other vessels, and \$300,000 for two composite sailing vessels. He dwells especially upon the necessity of adequate money for the repair of vessels, covering modern steel ships, with their extreme subdivision and elaborate systems of ventilation, drainage and mechanical auxiliaries of all kinds. They require much greater care, both when in commission and in ordinary than was formerly the case with the old wooden ships.

It is more than nine years since the first vessel of the new navy was put in commission, and the necessity for general repairs and renewals of fittings and equipments is becoming more and more pressing.

The policy of extreme economy has almost reached its limit, and unless more ample appropriations are made for the care and preservation of ships and the general maintenance of the yard plants, the efficiency of the fleet will be diminished and the government property will suffer serious deterioration.

Commodore Hichborn notes the completion and acceptance during the year of the Marblehead, Columbia, Olympia and Minneapolis; gives the status of other vessels almost completed, and also states the fact in connection with contracts recently let and specifications made under the authority of the last naval appropriation bill.

#### The Postal Department.

Washington, Nov. 2.—First Assistant Postmaster-General Frank M. Jones has issued his annual report for the year ended June 30, 1895. Mr. Jones shows that the divisions under his supervision have saved, during the year, \$1,395,577, the principal items being in the saving in carriers by stopping overtime, and a reduction of force amounting to \$1,300,000. The salaries of all presidential postmasters amounting to \$5,897,200, and the gross receipts of postoffices \$60,538,097. The number of presidential postmasters is 3,491, of which 159 are first class, 700 second class, 2,632 third class.

An estimate of \$17,000,000 for all postmasters is made for the year 1897, an increase over the present year of \$1,000,000.

The total number of positions brought within the classified service was 2,395.

Mr. Jones recommends the abolition of experimental free delivery, unless \$10,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose; also free rural delivery, unless \$20,000,000 is appropriated.

Of the investigations and discharge of carriers for cause, Mr. Jones says 385 carriers have been removed. He reviews the conditions which made the investigations necessary, the principal one being the accumulation of overtime claims, showing that something was wrong. The work has been systematically prosecuted during the past eight months, and the carriers at 151 offices have been investigated.

An estimate of \$12,960,000 is made for the free delivery service next year.

The money order report shows that there are 19,691 domestic money order offices, and orders to the amount of 156,709,089 were issued, and \$156,159,689 paid. Mr. Jones recommends legislation requiring clerks handling money order business to give bonds. Concerning dead letter matter, the report says:

"The number of pieces of original mail matter received during the year for treatment was 6,319,873, a decrease of 81,171."

Mr. Jones renews several recommendations made in his last report, such as a penalty for using postmarks for unlawful purposes; to prevent boycotting postoffices; to amend the frank-

ing laws; more stringent legislation against obscene mail matter; the power to suspend employees; the employment of temporary and substitute clerks; care of disabled employees; the better classification of salaries for clerks in larger offices and the employment of substitute carriers.

#### AN IRATE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Lord Sholto Douglas Threatened With a Horsewhipping.

San Francisco, Nov. 12.—Lord Sholto Douglas is to be horsewhipped. He has been unfortunate enough to arouse the ire of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Addis, of Oakland, and she gives notice that she will start for Los Angeles early next week with the intention of teaching his lordship a lesson. Lord Sholto will soon learn what it is to have an American mother-in-law on his trail.

Mrs. Addis is a buxom woman with a will of her own. His lordship has dared to defy the will of his mother-in-law. Not only that, but she says that he has insulted her, and now she is going to teach him some American manners, so she says.

Lord Sholto, in a letter to his mother-in-law, a few days ago, had courage enough to inform her that when he married her daughter he did not marry the whole family. He suggested that he was fully able to manage his wife, and that he would be extremely happy if he had never laid eyes on any of his Oakland relatives. In other words, he told his mother-in-law to mind her own business, and that hereafter he would brook no interference on her part.

#### Honors for Rocke-ller.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—John D. Rocke-ller was nominated a practical anarchist at today's meeting of the Chicago socialist labor party, and the Chicago university was named the Chicago Standard Oil university. The application was made by Jesse Cox, a local attorney, in a speech, during the progress of the meeting held on West Twelfth street, in commemoration of the execution of Spies, Parsons and their comrades. Mr. Cox said there were two kinds of anarchists in this country. One was the kind that looked forward to the time when there would be no government, and when men would live together as brothers. The other was the kind that never counseled throttling the law, but which took the law by the throat and choked it whenever the occasion demanded. There was only standing room in the hall, and Mr. Cox was applauded to the echo.

#### Ex-Consul Waller's Condition.

New York, Nov. 11.—A special to the World from Washington says the family of ex-Consul John M. Waller believe that his health has been permanently broken by his confinement in French prisons. His letters are all written in a most despondent tone. In letters dated September 30, from Clairvaux prison, just received, Mr. Waller writes that he never expects to see his family again, and states that this may be the last letter they will ever receive from him. It is evident that his health is extremely bad, for the French authorities have transferred him from Clairvaux prison to Nimes, and have placed him on hospital diet and allowance. It is expected that the state department will take some decisive action in the case before congress meets, for Mr. Waller's attorneys have been instructed to file their brief at once.

#### More Trouble for China.

London, Nov. 12.—Special dispatches from Shanghai say the rebels in northwestern China are mostly armed with rifles of Russian manufacture. It is added that their leader, while maintaining strict discipline among his followers, affords foreigners benevolent protection. He has sent a sort of ultimatum to the imperial government, announcing his intention to advance upon Peking should the answer prove unfavorable. The rebels are now said to number over 60,000, and the imperial forces are utterly incapable of resistance. They are committing excesses in the territory under their control. Whole towns and villages are said to have been subject to rapine, and fields in the neighborhood are littered with corpses.

#### An Expedition to Ashantee.

London, Nov. 9.—The Chronicle is officially informed that the war office has arranged for an expedition to Ashantee. This leaves no further doubt of the accuracy of the report from Accra, on the coast of Africa, that the king of Ashantee had declined the ultimatum offered him by Great Britain, that of having a British commissioner in his country, and that he should place Ashantee under British protection. The dispatch indicates that Great Britain is determined to reduce the king to complete subjection.

#### One Killed, Five Injured.

London, Nov. 12.—An accident to the Scotch express from London at Saint Neots, eight miles south of Huntingdon, on the Great Northern railway, caused by the breaking of a rail, today resulted in the death of a lady passenger. Five other passengers were seriously injured.

#### No More of the Canal Scandal.

Paris, Nov. 12.—The report of L'Intransigeant, that the government is about to reopen the question of the Panama scandal, and that prominent members of the parliament would be prosecuted on this account is authoritatively denied here.

#### King of Portugal in London.

London, Nov. 8.—King Charles of Portugal arrived at Charing Cross station this morning on Sheerness, and was received in state. The king was driven to Buckingham palace as the guest of the Prince of Wales.

## THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Another Amendment Approved by President Cleveland.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The president today approved an amendment to the civil service which will result in bringing many postmasters and employees within the classified service. The amendment is as follows: "And whenever, by order of the postmaster-general, a by-office shall be consolidated with and made part of any postoffice where free delivery is established, all employees of the office thus consolidated whose names appear on the roll of said office, and including the postmaster thereof, shall, from the date of said order, be employees of the said free-delivery office, and the person holding at the date of said order the position of postmaster of the office thus consolidated with said free delivery office may be assigned any position therein and given any appropriate designation under the classification act which the postmaster-general may direct."

It is the intention of the postoffice department to consolidate many offices. This consolidation will not necessarily do away with the offices, but establish them as stations of some central point. It is probable that presidential, as well as fourth-class offices, will be included in the consolidation.

Secretary Morton in his annual report, it is understood, will dwell at length upon the question of the extension of foreign markets for American products. He will probably suggest the importance of catering to foreign demands, pointing out that there is no particular product in this country free from competition.

Secretary Smith today sent to the president a draft of the proclamation opening the Nez Perce lands ceded to settlement. He suggests that the opening of the lands be fixed ten days later than the time at which he appends his signature. This will give time for the proclamation to reach the land officers before the lands are open to settlement.

Secretary Smith has written a letter to E. Ellery Anderson, replying to various communications relating to the patenting of lands to the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The secretary says that in view of the fact that congress, at its coming session, will, in all probability, take action on the matter, he deems it inadvisable at this time to pass on such matters.

News reaches Washington from Corea that a new minister to the United States will soon be sent to this country in place of the late minister, who died from cholera while on leave in Corea.

#### WILL AID HILL.

Chicago Railway Managers Pledge Themselves Against the Union.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—All railroads having headquarters in Chicago have given positive assurances to President Hill, of the Great Northern, that, so far as lies in their power, they will co-operate with him in defeating the American Railway Union strike now threatened on his road. The information came today from officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Burlington, the Illinois Central and the Chicago & Eastern Illinois systems. This support of the Great Northern is an outgrowth of the plan pursued by the general managers of Chicago when they were dealing with the strike of last year.

Mr. Hill has engaged a detective agency to furnish him armed guards, and advised the Chicago railroad managers that his road would employ any railroad men out of work who had not committed an act of violence in Chicago or elsewhere against a road during the strike of 1894. There are 2,000 of these men in Chicago, at present, whose names were on the payrolls of the railroad up to July, 1894. They include engineers, firemen, brakemen and flagmen. While they have been "blacklisted" for nearly eighteen months, no charge has rested against them but of having simply quit work when the strike began. At 17 Monroe street these men were being engaged today and furnished transportation to St. Paul.

#### THE FAIR MILLIONS.

Reported Settlement of the Estate and a Denial of the Same.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—A local paper says the Fair will case has been settled out of court, and what promised to be a bitter contest over an estate valued at \$40,000,000 has been abandoned. The estate is said to have been settled and the property has passed into the hands of various heirs. The settlement is said to have been effected by Herman Oelrichs, of New York, the son-in-law of the late senator, who convinced Trustee Goodfellow that under the ruling of the state supreme court in the Walkerly will case the ironclad trust in the will would be broken. By the will the property was placed in the hands of three trustees, who were to receive annual commissions, aggregating thousands of dollars. Now it is said the trustees have consented to abandon their claims and permit the property to be distributed among the heirs. Goodfellow is said to have received \$250,000 by the terms of the compromise.

#### Another Disappearing Gun-Carriage.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—The second Buffington-Crozier disappearing gun-carriage erected as an experiment was shipped today on three cars from Cramp's shipyard to San Francisco. The Buffington-Crozier carriage is automatic in its movement, and is operated by a system of weights. Another disappearing gun-carriage now being prepared in Cramp's shop is E. Hantspiller's invention. This latter is pneumatic in action, and is intended as a competitor to the former.

## THE CANAL TO BE BUILT

### New York and London Capital Will Foot the Bills.

#### AMERICANS WILL DO THE WORK

The Deal Has Not Yet Been Completed, But Negotiations Are in an Advanced Stage.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—The Evening Post says the Nicaragua canal is to be built; that New York and London capital will foot the bills, and American contractors will do the work. It is also said Chicago engineers and drainage canal contractors will have a leading part in the construction. This has been brought about by investigation, made by the leading spirits in the Nicaragua scheme, into the work being carried on in the shape of the \$30,000,000 Chicago drainage canal. For months their experts have been investigating this work, and it is said as a result, the moving spirits in the Western work have been led to visit the Nicaragua leaders in New York.

The Post further asserts that for several months certain London financiers, in company with some New Yorkers, have been looking into the scheme, and have practically decided to back it. Between \$70,000,000 and \$85,000,000 will be needed, and that amount, says the Post, has been guaranteed.

The Post adds that while the deal has not yet been completed, the negotiations are in a very advanced stage, and almost on the verge of completion. All attempts to secure financial aid from this government will be abandoned, and the matter prosecuted as a purely private enterprise. The principal negotiations have been going on, it is stated, since the visit of Warner Miller to this city a few weeks ago. No names are given in connection with the plan.

Washington, Nov. 11.—President Hitchcock, who succeeded Warner Miller at the head of the Nicaragua Canal Company, called at the state department today and saw Assistant Secretary Uhl. The visit doubtless related to the recent report of the government commission which visited the canal route.

#### BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Trade Interrupted by the Elections and Mild Weather.

New York, Nov. 11.—Bradstreet's report says:

The interruption to general trade throughout the country, incident to the elections, has been emphasized by unusually mild weather, which checks the demand for clothing, heavy-weight textiles, and other seasonal goods. Jobbers at most of the larger distributing centers report that orders now received are largely of a filling-in character. Except for iron, steel and cotton, the larger portion of advances in prices of commodities reported since March last have disappeared. Early anticipation of continuous advances in prices and demand this year, the outgrowth of the activity of two and three months ago, have met with disappointment. But there is little reason for the reaction in sentiment by many who discuss business conditions. Every wave of increased demand since the tide began to rise in March has resulted in net gain. The sentiment of traders generally is that the outlook promises an active spring trade, and that the holiday season will prove satisfactory.

#### Fowers Appealed to.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—The Armenian citizens of Chicago today sent the following cablegram to the Marquis of Salisbury, prime minister of England; to Nicholas II, czar of Russia; to Emperor William of Germany, and to Secretary of State Olney: "The imminent danger of a massacre at Zeitou and general slaughter of Armenians throughout Turkey prompts us to humbly beg your governments, in the name of humanity, to take steps to immediately stop these horrors, and to secure safety for Armenians."

This was the result of a meeting held today, at which speeches detailing the horrors of the treatment of Armenians by the Turks were made by prominent Armenians.

#### Satoli's Possible Successor.

Baltimore, Nov. 12.—Cardinal Gibbons was asked this evening in regard to the report that Pope Leo had determined upon the recommendation of the cardinal to appoint Monsignore Laurentz, at present inter-nuncio at the Hague, the successor of Satoli as ablegate, after the latter has been raised to the cardinalate. The cardinal said he knew nothing about the matter, and had not recommended Monsignore Laurentz, of whose ability he spoke in the highest terms.

#### Will Not Stand Polygamy.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 9.—The dispatch recently sent out from Utah that a crowd of Mormons had left for Alberta, in the northwest of Canada, where, under the terms of a contract with the Dominion government, they could practice polygamy, is absolutely false. The Mormon leaders were warned that polygamy was illegal, and results in the Northwest indicate that neither in letter nor in spirit are the laws being violated.

#### The Cariboo Fly a Total Wreck.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 12.—The pioneer steamer, Cariboo Fly, is reported a total wreck on the Skeena river, having caught on a sandbar at high water and broken her back on the receding of the tide. Her machinery has been removed, together with the greater portion of her cargo.

## THE CANADIAN CHAMPION.

Jake Gaudaur Retains His Honors at the Texas Regatta.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 9.—Jake Gaudaur is still champion of the aquatic world. The contest was over a 1 1/2 mile course, and the trophies were the championship challenge cup and a purse of \$1,000. The starters were Bubear and Haines, of England; Jake Gaudaur and Ras Rogers, of America. Before the quarter flags were hoisted on the upper course, Haines quit the race, and Bubear also dropped out ten boat lengths below the 1 1/2 mile flag, leaving Gaudaur and Rogers to finish the race. Gaudaur, with five boat lengths lead, came down with the cup under an easy thirty-one stroke and won the race in 20:59.

The Englishmen dropped off in the first race, saving themselves for the great four-oared race which followed the single scull. This race was over the 1 1/2 mile course, with turn—three miles—for the championship of the world and a purse of \$1,500. The starters were: Bubear, Barry, Haines and Wingate, of England, and Toemer, Rogers, Charley and Jake Gaudaur for America.

As the crews lined up the excitement was intense. Betting had been running heavy on these two teams for the past week until upwards of \$10,000 was in the pool-sellers' hands today when the flag dropped to start the race.

As the flag dropped, both crews dropped their oars. The English crew gained the lead and kept it up the course for about three boat lengths, though the American crew closed the gap somewhere near the 1 1/2 mile flag. The English team turned first, and on the return course, at the three quarters flag, they were leading by five boat lengths. The Americans spurred at the half flag for five lengths only, when they gave out. From there to the finish line the English crew had three lengths lead, and the two boats passed over the line in that position; time, 17:05 1/2.

The winning of this race by the English crew records them all important laurels at the regatta outside of the single-scull race. This concluded the regatta.

#### They May Fight Yet.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 9.—After a full day's pugilistic excitement for a few days, matters have taken a new and fresh start. Said Dan Stout tonight: "I led for El Paso in the morning, and think the place and time for Cur and Fitzsimmons to settle their difficulties, which have been agitating the public mind for the past four or five months, will be found and fixed between now and Sunday. I am making this move individually and alone, and I intend to offer such a purse and such protection that neither man can refuse to accept it if he intends or wants to fight. The whole sporting world is in a mood to see this championship matter settled in the ring."

#### Engines are All Right.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The examination of the Texas in drydock at New York has verified the story of Engineer-in-Chief Melville as to the cause of her failure to attain her estimated horse-power, owing to hot condensers. The mouth of the bilgegrating through which sea water is pumped to cool these condensers was found to be choked with seaweed and a gummy residuum. The grating is 15x31 inches, and it was stopped, save a hole about eight inches square in the center thus diminishing the water supply to one-sixth of the normal. It is believed now that the obstruction has been removed the engines will easily make their horsepower.

#### People in Newfoundland in Want.

St. John's, N. F., Nov. 9.—The Herald prints a series of letters from correspondents along the South and West coast which state that dire distress prevails among the poorer classes of people residing there, especially among those receiving pauper relief. The retrenchment policy of the government necessitated the cutting off of half the pauper grant and, the fisheries being poor, many find themselves in wretched circumstances. The correspondents predict starvation in numerous instances unless prompt help be supplied by the authorities.

#### Not Strictly in Accord With the Code.

New York, Nov. 9.—This evening Salvatore Morello and Frank Foretta, barbers, went to Jersey City to fight a duel. The two men were in love with the same woman, and resolved to fight it out. When they left the city it was their intention to fight with bare fists. But when the place of meeting was reached Foretta drew a revolver and fired three shots at Morello. Two of the bullets took effect in Morello's abdomen and the third in the groin. The wounded man was taken to the city hospital in a dying condition, while Foretta fled to this city, where he was arrested by detectives.

#### The Crathie Wholly Responsible.

Rotterdam, Nov. 8.—The court which has been taking testimony in the case of the North German Lloyd steamer Elbe, sunk in collision with the Crathie, of Aberdeen, January 31, involving a loss of 335 lives, has rendered a final decision, holding the Crathie wholly responsible for the disaster and condemning her owners to pay the North German Lloyd Company's claims for the total loss of the Elbe, with interest at 6 per cent, and ordering the sequestration of the Crathie pending payment.

Bank Examiner Carson is in charge of the Bellingham National bank, but it is reported that he has been advised of the appointment of George B. Blanchard as receiver.

## THE WEDDING DAY.

Consuelo Vanderbilt Now the Bride of Marlborough.

New York, Nov. 8.—The Duke of Marlborough and Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt were married at St. Thomas church, Fifth avenue and Fifty-third street, today at 12:30 o'clock. A o'clock women monopolized the entrance to the Twombly mansion, joining the church, and later on took possession of the railings, garden plots, and, in some instances, the window sills.

The bridegroom, accompanied by best man, walked from the rear of the chancel rail, where they were joined by the bride. Miss Vanderbilt was preceded by her bridesmaids, followed, leaning upon the arm of her father, William K. Vanderbilt, the bride reached the chancel rail, choir, accompanied by organ and sang, "O, Perfect Love, All Love Abounding." Set to music by Barnaby.

At its conclusion Dr. Brown, rector, delivered the introductory charge. Dr. Brown was followed by Bishop Potter, who, aided by Littlejohn, performed the marriage ceremony, which began at 12:30. The choir then sang the hymn, "The English Service, 'God Be Merciful to Us and Bless Us.'" The benediction was pronounced and the bride, leaning upon the arm of groom, entered the vestry, where marriage register was signed and witnessed by Mrs. Vanderbilt, W. Vanderbilt, Sir Julian Pauncefote, Brown and Bishop Potter and Littlejohn.

When the newly-wedded couple the sacred edifice to be driven to bride's home, people lined the sidewalks from the church to the residence, Seventy-second street. Two hundred police kept the crowd back.

## CANADIAN MATTERS.

Serious Charges Made Against the Late Leaders in Manitoba.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—A special Winnipeg says: Of the scores of documents have been issued since the past school agitation began, by far the sensational has just been published in the Manitoba government. It has been kept by the government sprung on the eve of the general elections, and the effect of the document is all that has been expected. It arraigns the Catholic hierarchy for falsifying.

The Roman Catholics have all contended that their schools were served to them under the bill of adoption which Manitoba entered confederation of Canadian provinces in 1870. The Protestant press has been that while reference made to parochial schools in a bill of rights submitted in 1871, was no such reference in the bill filed and adopted in 1870 by both provincial and dominion governments. answer to the Protestant contentions the Catholics produced a manuscript bearing date of 1870, which reads the rights of the Roman Catholic their schools should never be interfered with. This manuscript bore evidence of being definite and authentic, seemed conclusive. Now, however, the government shows that the document was really 1873, a scientific photographic process reveals that the figure 3 was changed to cipher. The original figure 3 is photograph revealed in faded in the rest of the document, while the cipher is in fresher and blacker ink.

#### The Army and the Navy.

Washington, Nov. 9.—In view of the president's decision in the case of the Detroit Drydock Company under existing treaties naval vessels cannot be built on the Great Lakes navy department will now propose congress the importance of allowing estimate of \$500,000 for the acquisition of a supply of rapid-fire rifles the auxiliary navy. One of the formidable arguments which was presented in the fact that Great Britain already has a number of such vessels, which can readily be introduced into the Great Lakes through the adian canals, and in time of war age our Great Lake cities, which now defenseless. With a properly of guns on hand, it is argued a large number of the magnificent steamers could be rapidly armed emergency, and could easily over the British gunboats which are in the area. As it would take several to make these guns, the department will ask that the appropriation made at once, that the work of construction may begin.

#### Atlantic Steamer Labeled.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—The International Navigation Company has the Netherlands-American line at Oudam, which was towed into the Saturday with her shaft broken. Penland, for \$100,000. It is the general opinion of shipping men that the case is one in which the most meritorious services were rendered the vessel would have been beached on Sable island and been total loss during the storm on the following night had she not fallen with the Penland. A strange coincidence is that just six years ago Penland was towed into the Netherlands-American line.

#### Burlington Coast Tour.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—The Burlington is making arrangements to series of its personally conducted to California. The tours will last thirty-six days, and will include points in the state. The first will be Chicago January 10, the second February 6, and the third early in March. The cost of the trip will be \$250.