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ARMY AND ALASKA.

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DEFENSE OF THE PORT

General Wilson Reports on Columbia Fortifications.

PROGRESS MADE UPON THE WORK

Estimates for River and Harbor Improvements in Oregon and Washington.

Washington, Oct. 25.—In the annual report of General Wilson, chief of engineers, the following is said about defenses at the mouth of the Columbia:

"The defenses include works of the older type, one garrisoned and one in charge of an ordnance sergeant. With the expense appropriated by the act of 1896, work was commenced during the year on five emplacements for 10-inch guns on disappearing carriages, two emplacements for 8-inch guns on disappearing carriages, and two mining cases. At the close of the year, the 10-inch emplacements were completed, and three 10-inch carriages mounted. A wharf had been built for the construction of the 8-inch emplacements, all necessary plant assembled and the excavation completed. One mining case was also under construction. With the funds appropriated by the act of 1897, an additional emplacement for an 8-inch gun on a disappearing carriage and a mortar battery for eight 12-inch mortars will be constructed. At the close of the year, plans for these works had been partially prepared. There are no existing works of defense on Puget sound."

The following estimates are made for river and harbor improvements for Oregon and Washington for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899:

OREGON.

Cougar river.....\$15,000
 Upper Cougar river.....25,000
 Lower Cougar river.....20,000
 Tillamook river.....25,000
 Columbia river below Tongue point.....25,000
 Columbia river and Lower Willamette.....20,000
 Canal at Cascade Locks.....35,000
 Gaging the waters of the Columbia.....35,000
 Upper Columbia and Snake rivers.....20,000

WASHINGTON.

Gray's harbor.....\$10,000
 Puget sound.....15,000
 Everett harbor.....10,000
 Seton's bay.....45,000
 Columbia river.....3,000
 Olympia harbor.....2,000
 Columbia river.....1,000

No action has been taken on the appropriation for a harbor of refuge at Port Orford, the secretary holding that the demands of commerce are not sufficient to occasion the expenditure.

The simple announcement is made that the secretary has not approved the project at Yaquina, and no estimate is made.

It is stated that the land has not yet been acquired for the best railway at The Dalles. For the same reason, nothing has been done on the Seattle ditch.

CERTIFICATES NOT REQUIRED.

Judge Hanford's Ruling as to Wives and Children of Chinese Merchants.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Judge Hanford, of the federal court, today handed down a decision in a Chinese case, in which he holds that the wives and children of Chinese merchants doing business in the United States do not have to have certificates from their home government to entitle them to enter this country. Government officials here say that, if the opinion is upheld by the higher courts, it means that the important section of the Chinese exclusion which requires that the sons and daughters of Chinese merchants doing business in this country must secure certificates from their home government is no longer the law. United States District Attorney Brinker will at once report to the treasury department Judge Hanford's ruling, and it is expected that the attorney-general's office will at once take steps to have the case appealed to the supreme court.

Treasury agents claim that if the decision holds it will open the gates for a host of Chinese, and that certificates are not required, any number of Chinese can claim to be children of merchants in the United States.

Judge Hanford's decision is in direct opposition to that of Judge Lacombe, of New York.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE KILLED

Terrible Loss of Life by Cyclone in the Philippines.

Madrid, Oct. 25.—A dispatch from Leyte, Philippine islands, says that place has been almost devastated by a cyclone, that many persons have been killed and that the damage to property is incalculable.

The cyclone destroyed the towns of Tagbayan and Hernani, on the island of Leyte, as well as several villages. It is estimated that 400 persons lost their lives through the disaster.

Later advices from Manila say the cyclone occurred on October 12, and added that Carigra and Burga, on the eastern coast of Leyte, had been wiped out, and that an immense wave swept the island. Several hundred natives perished at Tagbayan. The cyclone also swept the island of Samar. The full extent of the catastrophe is not yet known, but the damage is estimated at 7,500,000 pesos.

Will Demand Duty.

Victoria, Oct. 25.—Hereafter every pound of goods not bought in Canada will be taxed 10 per cent before being allowed in the Klondike country. The Canadian government has seen fit to revoke the regulation allowing prospectors to take in 100 pounds of goods free of duty, and customs officers will be placed on the Stikine route as well as at Tagish lake and on the Yukon.

Swords equal to the best ever made are still produced at Toledo in Spain.

Sovereigns From Australia.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—The steamer Alameda, which arrived today, brought \$2,250,000 in English sovereigns from Australia, as a part of the balance of trade. It is the second large shipment of gold received here within the past 30 days. The money was deposited at the mint.

Killed by Eating Wax Candles.

A girl named Alice Weaver died in the Worcester infirmary, according to the London Chronicle, after eating wax candles, which she had taken to improve her complexion.

STARVED TO DEATH.

Out of a Population of Twenty-Five Hundred, Only Five Survive.

New York, Oct. 25.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: A local newspaper publishes and vouches for the following: At Chacabala, in the district of San Julian, belonging to the municipality of Melana del Sur there were concentrated 2,500 persons. These reconcentrated were the only inhabitants of the place. Now there are only five survivors, the rest having died of hunger and fever. In Havana city it is no unusual sight to see 50 or 12 dead on one plaza early in the morning. The employers employ regular roundmen to remove bodies from the parks.

There is no abatement in the activity of the rebels in the western provinces. The special regiment of Veracruz on its way to the Ribi hills in Pinar del Rio, stumbled across a dynamite bomb and lost 10 killed and 41 wounded. Further on they came across another, but it failed to explode. The soldiers became terrified and refused to proceed. In Havana province 100 rebels of Raoul Arango's command entered and aided a town. They carried away a quantity of clothing and provisions without a shot being fired by the garrison. Near Artemisa, Havana province, a band of insurgents under Acaia attacked and massacred the Spanish guerrilla force stationed on the Neptuno estate.