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**WADAI.** See (in this vol.) **NIGERIA**, A. D. 1892-1899.

**WALDECK-ROUSSEAU, M.**: The Ministry of. See (in this vol.) **FRANCE**: A. D. 1890 (FEBRUARY-JUNE), and after.

**WALES**, The Prince of.—It has been announced that Prince George, Duke of Cornwall and York, the only living son of King Edward VII., of England, and heir to the British throne, will be created Prince of Wales, by royal patent, after his return from Australia. See (in this vol.) **AUSTRALIA**: A. D. 1901 (MAY).

**WANA**: Inclusion in a new British Indian province. See (in this vol.) **INDIA**: A. D. 1901 (FEBRUARY).

**WAR**: Measures to prevent its occurrence and to mitigate its barbarities. See (in this vol.) **PEACE CONFERENCE**.

**WAR BUDGETS**: Military and naval expenditures of the great Powers.—The following compilation of statistics of the military and naval expenditure of the leading Powers (Great Britain excepted) was submitted to the House of Representatives at Washington by the Hon. George L. McClellan, of New York, in a speech, February 12, 1901, on the bill then pending in Congress, to make appropriations for the support of the Army of the United States. The tabulated statements were introduced with explanations and comments as follows: "For purposes of comparison, I have taken the armies and navies of Austria-Hungary, France, the German Empire, Italy, and Russia. I have not included Great Britain, for its conditions have been abnormal for nearly two years. I have based my estimates on the enlisted strength of the armies referred to, excluding commissioned officers. The figures are the most recent obtainable without direct communication with foreign authorities and are for the most part for the last fiscal year of the several countries, although in some cases they are for 1898-99. The German naval budget does not include the extraordinary expenditures for the new navy authorized by the recent enactment of the Reichstag. This does not begin to be effective until the next fiscal year. In estimating the equivalent in dollars of the Italian budget I have allowed 6 per cent for the depreciation of the present paper currency—a very moderate estimate. The Russian budget will appear abnormally low, for I have recently seen it stated at \$159,000,000. This is because the ruble has been assumed to be the gold ruble, worth 52 cents, but the budget is expressed in paper rubles, and is now, under a recent order of M. Witte, uniformly reckoned at two-thirds of the gold ruble. I have therefore called it 34.6 cents."

As to the military expenditure of the United States, "the House has during the present session appropriated, or is about to appropriate, for the support of what may be called the active Army, \$152,068,100.84. The appropriations growing out of past wars amount to a total of \$154,664,292. I have charged to this account every item that could by any possible construction be assumed to refer to past wars and not to the maintenance of the present Army. The pension appropria-

tion bill carried \$145,245,230. The cost of administering the Pension Bureau will amount to \$8,352,790. The Record and Pension Office costs \$585,170. I have further included appropriations for National and State Homes, back pay, etc., cemeteries, and \$712,580 for extra clerks due to the Spanish war. Adding the appropriations due to past wars to the appropriation for the active Army, we find a total of \$906,763,392.84, which represents the total of our Army budget. Taking the total cost of our active Army, and assuming the enlisted strength of the Army to be 100,000, we find the cost per annum of each enlisted man to be \$1.520. Taking the total Army budget, including appropriations arising from past wars, we find the cost per annum of each enlisted man \$8,067.

"Without including appropriations arising from past wars, we find the cost of the Army per capita of population to be \$1.90. Including appropriations arising from past wars, we find the cost of the Army per capita of population to be \$4.02. The army budget of Austria-Hungary is \$87,564,446, the cost of maintaining 1 enlisted man for one year being \$189.86, and the cost of the army per capita of population \$1.50. The army budget of France is \$128,959,064, the cost of maintaining 1 enlisted man is \$218.74, and the cost per capita of population is \$3.84. The army budget of the German Empire is \$156,127,748, the cost per annum of 1 enlisted man is \$277.85, the cost per capita of population is \$2.98. The army budget of Italy is \$43,930,182, the cost of maintaining 1 enlisted man per annum is \$202.63, the cost per capita of population is \$1.89. The army budget of Russia is \$99,927,997, the cost of maintaining 1 enlisted man is \$119.65, the cost per capita of population is 77 cents.

"The appropriations for the support of the naval establishment are by no means so widely distributed as are those for the Army. The naval bill carries \$77,016,635.60. In the legislative, executive, and judicial bill there are carried appropriations directly chargeable to the support of the Navy, including pay of the clerical force in the Auditor's office, the office of the Secretary, the office of the heads of the bureaus, maintenance of building, and contingent expenses, amounting to \$390,150. In the sundry civil bill there are carried, for printing and binding, appropriations amounting to \$127,000. Up to the present time the Secretary of the Treasury has submitted to the House a statement of deficiencies for the support of the naval establishment amounting to \$2,491,549.64, making a total of \$90,034,335.24 that the House has appropriated or is about to appropriate during the present session for the support of the naval establishment. In addition to this the legislative, executive, and judicial bill carries an appropriation of \$21,800 for the payment of extra clerks whose employment is necessitated by the Spanish war, making a total naval budget of \$80,056,135.24.

"The naval budget of Austria-Hungary is \$7,028,167, a cost per capita of population of 15 cents. The naval budget of France is \$61,238,478, a cost per capita of population of \$1.58. The naval budget of the German Empire is \$32,419,602, a cost per capita of population of 62 cents. The naval budget of Italy is \$18,455,111, a cost