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A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS.

The Sum Appropriated by the Fifty-Fifth Congress.

News of the World—Still Shooting in Manila—More Troops for the Philippines—Queen Marie Henrietta Dying.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The official statement of John G. Cannon, of Illinois, the chairman of the house appropriations committee, gives the appropriations for the session just passed at \$67,658,200, while for the entire fifty-fifth congress the enormous amount is reached of \$1,566,800,000. The appropriations made by the present congress, the fifty-fourth, did not reach this figure by about one-third, or a half a billion. This difference is nearly all directly chargeable to the late war with Spain, or at least incident thereto, as the sum so far charged to that account aggregates \$182,562,895. The famous fifty-first congress no longer carries the broom, though it was long believed that the limit had been reached in that "billion dollar" congress.

OMAHA, Neb., March 5.—At ten o'clock tomorrow morning, at the court house in this city, the Union Pacific Railway Co. will begin one of the heaviest auction sales of public lands ever held in the country. The lands cover 6,000,000 acres, and are located in Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. There is little question that the property will be bid in by the Union Pacific company.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—The woolen manufacturers are anticipating a combine in the near future.

HAVANA, March 5.—Gen. Maximo Gomez sent Gov. General Brooke, by the hand of Inspector General Rofes, of the Cuban army, a statement of the number of men in the army. It is understood that the total reaches 48,000, of which 22,000 are privates, 10,000 non-commissioned officers, and the rest commanding officers from major-generals to sub-lieutenants. Gen. Brooke has received a telegram from Washington, saying that paymasters with the \$3,000,000 will arrive here next week, and no trouble which cannot be handled by the American authorities is anticipated from the paying off of the men. The U. S. cruiser Brooklyn received orders last Friday to proceed to Hampton Roads, but is still here, so that it is understood that the orders have been rescinded.

MANILA, March 6.—The U. S. Transport Ohio arrived yesterday. The reinforcement of the American troops within the past few days has had a noticeable effect upon Manila. The streets are thronged with people, and the Luneta yesterday was blocked with carriages for the first time since the outbreak. The desolation arising outside the city has been annoying all day, and the rebel sharpshooters are exacting. At San Pedro Macati the rebels are most active, erecting entrenchments in front of the position occupied by the Washington troops. The American soldiers dislike the passivity assistance, and are eager for the excitement of an active campaign. The health of the men has improved remarkably despite the heat of the trenches. Assistant Engineer Winship, of the gunboat Bennington, was wounded in both legs yesterday by a volley from the shore. At Manila all is quiet, but in the interior the natives are levying upon their fellows.

MADRID, March 5.—Carlists are showing renewed activity. A band of 2,000 deserters from the Spanish army is now gathered near the French frontier, and refuse to return to Spain, notwithstanding the pardon they are offered.

OLYMPIA, March 5.—At midnight Thursday next the sixth legislature of the State of Washington will expire. There are 120 house bills awaiting action in the senate.

BERLIN, March 5.—A dispatch from Manila announces that the American authorities have undertaken the protection of German interests, and that the cruiser Kaiserin Augusta, the last of the fleet, has left Manila bay.

LONDON, March 6.—From Bombay comes word that the bubonic plague is again raging with unparalleled severity. Official returns show 25 deaths last week, but this is grossly under the true number.

BRUSSELS, March 5.—Queen Marie Henrietta has suffered a serious relapse, with but slight chances of recovery.

CHICAGO, March 5.—The owners of the resort at Bergen Beach have offered \$40,000 for Fitzsimmons and Jeffries to fight for. At this moment it is quite possible the offer may be accepted.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., March 5.—As the third battalion was boarding the train today for Leavenworth, Kan., sudden orders were received to proceed at once to San Francisco on the way to Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—The transport steamer Valencia sailed today for Manila via Honolulu with supplies, ammunition, 150 recruits, and \$1,500,000 in coin for the payment of soldiers, and all but a fraction of it will be disbursed at Manila.

NEW YORK, March 5.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, says: Gen. Hale this morning determined to clear away the enemy from the front of his right wing. The gunboat La Guma de Bay, under Major Grant, began shelling the enemy's position. Two companies of the Twentieth infantry and three companies of the First Nebraska, under Col. Stalenberg, swung

in from the road to the water works, driving the rebels towards the Pasig river. The First Wyoming advanced front, thus encircling the insurgents on three sides and driving them back. The enemy's loss was estimated at 250; American loss, nothing except Capt. J. D. O'Brien, and Major Shell, wounded. Later in the day the insurgents opened fire across Guadalupe river killing private Lovejoy and wounding two others.

The Madrid authorities have offered Aguilardo a ransom of \$1000 for each of the Spanish officers they are holding for ransom, \$100 each for the privates, and \$50 for each civil servant. They have not offered to ransom the priests.

SEATTLE, March 5.—Reports from Juneau, Skagway and Dyea show that the insidious foe to miners—spinal meningitis—is again playing havoc with the men on the trails. There have been a number of deaths already, among the prominent ones being Engineer Jack, of the White Pass railroad; Wm. Quirk and Contractor Hugh Foy; Geo. T. Ulmer, the editor of Skagway's new evening paper, and several others.

ROME, March 5.—By cable.—It is announced that a squadron of five cruisers will soon arrive at Sanmun bay. Their equipment amounts to a hundred guns and one thousand five hundred men. The Italian government has fully determined to exact a full apology from the Chinese government for the Tsung-Li Yamen's refusal to immediately grant a naval base and coaling station. This is so high-handed a proceeding as to show conclusively what was almost certain, that some of the powers are backing Italy in this crisis.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The cruiser Talbot, which is conveying the body of Lord Herschell to England, sailed today and was saluted by the harbor batteries as she passed down the bay.

PARIS, March 5.—A satisfactory settlement between France and Great Britain of the questions arising out of the Fashoda incident, may be expected within a fortnight. The delimitation of the respective territories has so far advanced that the starting points and general direction of the frontier have already been arranged, and Great Britain has admitted that France is entitled to a commercial outlet on the Nile.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Italy's efforts to get the sanction of the United States in her Chinese plans continue unabated since the transmission of Italy's request through Secretary Hay. The Italian minister in Peking approached Minister Conger several days ago, and asked him to use his influence in getting from China her consent to the Italian demands. The authorities are anxiously awaiting the announcement of Great Britain's policy, and it is appreciated that it is of great importance to the United States, in view of the commercial aspect of Great Britain's believed in policy of an open door.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Russia's attitude in the Chinese question is one of extreme desire to have the United States declare herself, and an attempt has been made to secure her good offices in the interests of Russia.

CHICAGO, March 5.—It is believed that the revenue cutters Bear and McCulloch will be ordered at once to Bering sea to protect the seals, the joint high commission having failed to come to any satisfactory conclusion. Notice has been received that the Canadian sealing fleet of thirty-seven vessels has left its winter anchorage, and is proceeding to Bering sea to begin pelagic sealing.

French Arsenal Blown Sky-High.

TORONTO, March 5.—The naval magazine of La Goubran, between La Seyne and Toulon, in the department of Var, southern France, exploded at 2:30 o'clock this morning. All of the soldiers on duty at the magazine were killed and a number of the inhabitants of the district, the buildings of which were razed, also fell victims. Forty corpses have already been recovered. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Fifty thousand kilograms of black powder exploded. It looks as though a volcanic eruption had occurred, the country being swept almost bare within a radius of two miles, houses destroyed, trees overturned and distorted, fields devastated and covered with stones and impalpable black dust.

Some of the stones are enormous. One weighing 50 kilograms fell in the suburb of Pone de Las. Signs of the explosion are evident in all the suburbs of Toulon and in the city itself. Even at St. Jean de Var, five miles distant, windows were shattered and doors battered in.

Later reports show that of the seven sentries four were killed outright and the other severely injured, the corporal being literally scalped and the scalp overhanging his face like a veil.

A large number of soldiers are now employed in clearing away the debris, but the work is very difficult.

It is impossible to ascertain accurately the number of killed, but it is believed that no fewer than a hundred were injured.

Although it was a clear night the explosion was so terrific as to produce a slight rainfall. Fortunately the neighboring magazines escaped. It is now believed that the explosion

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originated in chemical decomposition in some of the powder. There is no suggestion of foul play.

Today the whole city is in mourning, flags are at half-mast, the theaters are draped and the casinos closed.

Both the government and municipal authorities are forwarding relief funds. M. Lockroy, minister of marine, has telegraphed 10,000 francs toward the maintenance of the families of the victims, and a public subscription has been opened here.

Four of the wounded have succumbed to their injuries. It is believed that fifteen are still buried in the debris.

All the bodies found or recovered are terribly mutilated. Sixteen were found in the rocks near the shore, and it is feared that others were precipitated into the sea.

A vehicle moving along a road near the sea was lifted bodily into the water by the force of the explosion, two of its occupants being drowned.

The scene at the village of La Goubran was appalling. Telegrams from Nice say the explosion was distinctly felt there.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Green road-house, located in Gold Bottom, will be closed down this week.

A roomy addition has been built to the rear of the Arlington by Proprietor McGrath.

The skating rink succumbed to the warm weather last week, and the establishment has been dismantled.

Burning moss on the roof of a Second avenue cabin gave the fire boys a short run on Friday. There was no loss.

The prisoners at the barracks enjoyed a respite from labor on Good Friday and had a like experience on Easter Monday.

The stage service between Dawson and the forks was abandoned on Sunday, owing to the poor condition of the trail.

Messrs. Fall and L. J. McFarland arrived in from the outside on Friday and will represent important business interests here.

James Murphy died on the 2d from the effects of typhoid fever. He was twenty-three years of age. The funeral took place Tuesday.

Proprietor Timmins, of the Royal Cafe, has had a number of handsome landscapes painted and will mount them on the walls of his popular resort.

The council have ordered the construction of five more buildings for the public use, three of them to be located on the water front and two on Second avenue.

Hans Amundson, a well known manufacturing jeweler of Dawson, has removed to Gold Hill and will operate a lay there in conjunction with several friends.

The scarcity of horse food is becoming a serious question with owners of stock. Bartlett Bros. killed three of their animals last week, as the best plan for bridging over the difficulty.

Era Halsey, of No. 28 Eldorado, submitted to an operation by Dr. Richardson for the removal of a foreign growth from the nose at the Anglo-American hospital last week. He was able to leave the hospital on Saturday.

George H. J. Burn left on Saturday on a visit to London. He started from the A. C. store and a large number of friends gathered there to bid him bon voyage. Mr. Burn is interested with Pat Galvin in some very good mining property.

Adjutant McGill believes that the services of the Salvation Army will be better attended and productive of more good if held at a place more conveniently located than the barracks and he is trying to secure other quarters down town.

Messrs. H. Levesque and William Fosdren arrived from the states on Sunday. The gentlemen are old timers in the Klondike, and the second named has a good claim on Dominion. They report the trail good, notwithstanding the mild weather.

James Munger, night bartender at the Dominion, left for Victoria, B. C., over the ice Saturday, in response to a message announcing the dangerous illness of his wife. He will return to Dawson with the early boats if his wife's health permits.

S. A. Burpee and J. Ward arrived from Canada, Sunday, accompanied by an escort of police. The gentlemen had important business interests for the Bank of British North America with which institution, too, they will hereafter be connected.

The mumps have broken out in Dawson and several well known faces have been under temporary eclipse lately. The disease threatened to become epidemic at one prominent public resort, three persons being ill with it at one time. Several cases of typhoid fever have also been reported.

Boyle & Slavin were arrested one day last week for operating their sawmill on Sunday, but the action was dismissed after consideration by Colonel Steele and Captain Harper, it appearing that the demand for sluice-box lumber and the disappearing snow makes the work one of necessity.

The constant recurrence of destructive fires and the consequent loss of valuable papers, deeds and documents is calling attention to the fact that Dawson has as finely equipped a safety deposit vault as has even Chicago. The A. C. company was ahead of the times in the construction of this vault, but the people are learning to know a good thing when they see it.

Chief Fletcher gave his men some practice Saturday in the use of the Siamese and spray nozzles. Incidentally, too, the steamer was tested as to her condition; 220 pounds of water pressure, with 90 to 115 pounds of steam was put on, and two streams were simultaneously thrown to a height of an ordinary four story building. Steam was gotten up in just eight minutes. A section of damaged hose broke under the pressure.

Harry Ash Plunging.

Harry Ash came to the city Tuesday from his claim on Dominion to consummate a deal for the purchase of three hillside claims at Nos. 20 and 31b, left limit on Bonanza. The claims were the property of Messrs. Galbraith, Brown, Bradley and Dunham. The deal amounts to about \$50,000 and includes the dumps on the ground. The property will be managed by W. B. Ash, brother of the purchaser, who will put a number of thawers at work.

Feed well and enjoy life. Good meals 75c at Rainier House, water front, opposite A. C. Co.

AND HE GOT HIS MAN AT LAST.

Michael Eschwege in a British Jail Tonight.

Overtaken on the Trail—Miners Try Him for General Worthlessness and Turn Him Over Under Escort to Canadian Authorities.

George McDougall bagged his quarry at a point three miles below Charley river and returned to Dawson, arriving here on Tuesday morning. As will be seen in our inside pages our last reports showed Eschwege armed and still a day's travel ahead of his pursuer. At the point mentioned McDougall hove in sight of the man he wanted and at last got near enough to draw a bead and call a halt. The astonished Eschwege and his no less astonished companion, Bert Solomon, turned hurriedly around and gazed down the barrels of two six shooters. McDougall's first move was to see his own pistol, which Eschwege had stolen and was carrying; then he returned his own gun to its holster. Eschwege declared he would not go back, and of course McDougall could not use fire arms on an unarmed foe so a little good Anglo-Saxon-Hibernian argument was used which did not improve Eschwege's appearance though it cleared his mind and he agreed at once to return. This all occurred on the trail, and the four men in company started again up river.

For three nights McDougall and his companion took turn and turn about in watching their captives and then Eagle City was reached. A body of saloon toughs declared at once that Eschwege should never be taken across the line and delivered to mounted policemen. Many of them were men who had been invited out of Canadian territory and had never forgiven the slight. Nevertheless the respectable element of the burg decided that nine or a dozen saloon toughs should not run the place, and a large miners' meeting was called. Customs Inspector Chapman closed all the saloons, and threatened to keep them closed for ever if there was the slightest disorder. On the second day three hundred American miners gathered and voted Frank Hall into the chair. Then McDougall's story was listened to with breathless interest. Others got up and corroborated or told of hitherto unknown scurvy tricks of the wily crookery. Then Eschwege was asked to make his talk, but he contented himself with promises for the future if only he was allowed to remain on this much-loved and free American soil. He was listened to patiently, and there appearing to be no more speakers it was moved and seconded that McDougall be given an escort of ten men to help him carry his prisoner across the line. A pause was made for dissentients, but the men who had been bragging they would have to be killed before they would consent, suddenly forgot their determination in the presence of this quiet but determined body of armed miners. Then the vote was put, and such a sudden chorus of "ayes" went up that poor Eschwege wilted visibly and became hopeless. "Contraries, No!" inquired the chairman, but not a peep from a soul was heard. The meeting just consumed thirty minutes.

Next morning capturer and captive again started up-river, accompanied by Frank Hall, Philip Smith, Frank Thompson, Theodore Vincent and others, all armed to prevent any attempt at rescue. At the line Frank Hall was dispatched ahead and the party was met by Constable Mallet and a warrant some 12 miles below Forty-mile.

And thus it happens that tonight the gay swindler rests in a British jail at Forty-mile, awaiting orders to be transferred to Dawson, the scene of many a "bunco" experience of his and where his victims are numbered by the score. He beat one man too many when he took McDougall's gold to cash and blow it in. Burley George McDougall camped 16 days on his trail and gradually lessened the distance between them, Eschwege having three day's start and necessitating forced marches for his pursuer; but it would have been done had it been twice as long. Seven nights he slept under the watchful eye of his captor, and now it is to be hoped he will be put where his penchant for acquiring funds without work will have time to die without disuse.

Yukon Hotel Sold.

The Yukon hotel, a well known locality on First avenue, kept by Louis Shonborn, was purchased Tuesday by J. E. Rooge for \$10,000. Mr. Shonborn gives up the business on account of ill health and will return to his home in Iowa in the spring. He has lived in the Yukon country for the past five years, and has established an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity. The Yukon hotel was established by him two years ago and was the first prohibition house in the Yukon basin.

The Northern Sold.

The stock and business of Messrs. Manning, Ash & Clute, proprietors of the Northern saloon and gaming hall, were purchased on Saturday by Messrs. C. C. Kelly and J. W. Marchbank for \$10,000. The building was also leased for a period of 12 months. The working staff of the place was also changed, Dan Shaw taking chief charge of the bar, with Peter W. Mellon and Arthur Williams as assistants.

The new firm are progressive, wide-awake men, and will soon bring the standard of the Northern up to the best in Dawson. Important improvements are now being planned.

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