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Gen. Flagler of the Ordnance Bureau Makes His Report.

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At Least 100,000 of Any New Arm Should be Kept on Hand Ready for Instant Use.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—Gen. D. Flagler, chief of the bureau of ordnance, has made his annual report to the secretary of war. It shows that the ordnance expenditures during the three years ended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, $7,348,795, and that the estimates of the appropriations made for the ordnance department for the same period were $10,292,319. This large sum is derived from the appropriations for the fiscal year, which were made for war purposes, amounting to $2,500,000.

In speaking of the equipment of volunteers, the general thinks it would be well to have the government equip as well as have the equipment made, instead of their bringing their own over seas service, saying that if this were done it would be owing to the experience of the arms of state troops, to speak in terms of praise of the manner in which work has been performed in arsenals and ordnance factories in the rush that was made in order to equip the army, and a feeling for not with Spain. As to the equipment of an army, he says:

"It is the principal dependence in this country in a time of war is a large volunteer force, newly levied, to be equipped and kept on hand large in proportion of cavalry, artillery and horse equipment, as shown in the course of events, as shown in the course of events, it will not only determine, but it will have to be materially modified in a very price which improvements. The rapidity with which material can be made available depends upon material can be made available depends upon material can be made available depends upon