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THE COST OF WAR.

WAR is undoubtedly the direct source

that ever the human race has been

afflicted with not only from the loss of

life, and the suffering and privation of

those actually engaged in it, or who re-

side within or near the scene of conflict;

but also by reason of the heavy taxation

and poverty it entails upon the

millions unborn, through the expense

incurred in waging it. Few think of

this when reading the accounts of brilliant

victories; they may shudder and sigh

involuntarily at the details of the carnage

and destruction wrought by the

contending forces; but few, we think,

ever realize or attempt to compute

the expense of the royal game, or appreciate

the tremendous power for evil

exercised by him who "declares war."

If the masses of the people were fully

aware of the enormity of this proceeding,

they would revoke the power delegated,

and could scarcely be induced to have

recourse to the dread arbitrament of

war under the most extreme circum-

stances.

A recent number of *Voss's Gazette*

gives the number of the German army

now in the field in France, and furnishes

statistics of the different kinds of food

consumed daily. It says that the number

of Germans now under arms on French soil

is six hundred and ninety thousand; and

their horses number one hundred and sixty

thousand. The following is the daily

amount of food said to be consumed by

this enormous force: 250,000 loaves of

bread; 135 oxen; 48,000 pounds of bacon;

54,000 pounds of rice; 40,000 gallons of

brandy, and 4,000 pounds of coffee. The

daily rations of hay for the animals

amount to 80,000 pounds, besides im-

mense quantities of oats and barley.

The magnitude of the above statistics

is so great that the ordinary reader

fails to realize it; but the commissary

general, employed to provide, prepare

and furnish the food, to the men, and the

cost of the daily rations consumed by

this enormous host of non-producers

and destroyers will be more likely to

enable the public to appreciate the fact

that war, if long continued, is fraught

with nightmarish ruin the most over-

whelming even to the victorious.

Speaking of the commissary force

of the German army, a correspondent

of the *London Standard* says:

Every army corps has five provision

columns, consisting of 100 wagons, 300 horses,

400 mules, and 10 officers. In addition to

all these there are horses, men, and wagons

for a field bakery, and a certain number of

surplus horses to be used in case of need.

The 100 wagons are supposed to carry provisions

for every man in the corps for three days,

and as they are employed to return to the

rear to be again replenished at convenient

points, which are kept full partly by means

of wagons and horses hired or obtained by

requisition in the country, and partly by the

railway.

Some idea of the enormous pecuniary

worth of the rations may be arrived

at without attempting to furnish

minute data and details of the cost

per pound, etc., of the various articles

of diet consumed. It will be tolerably

safe to say, when transportation

and other circumstances are taken

into consideration, that the average cost

per day of each soldier's food is from

twenty to forty cents; which for the

entire German army would not fall far

short, in round numbers, of \$250,000.

In addition to this the feed for the

animals, hay and grain, would probably

amount to twenty-five cents per day

per head, making a daily aggregate

for men and animals, bordering on

thirty million pounds a year to pay the

interest of the various debts contracted

by their rulers in this and preceding

reigns for the prosecution of their wars!

The same prospect is before France and

Prussia, and it is safe to say that war,

under any circumstances, is never any-

thing but a fearful losing game, and

the most fearful of human life, present

and prospective, to the nations engaged

in it.

TERRITORY OF UTAH.

Before the Hon. J. B. McKean, C. J.

G. M. Hawley, and

O. F. Strickland, J. J.

Crown & Parris, Appeal from the

Third District Court.

The transcript in this case shows that

the plaintiff commenced an original

action in the District Court in Salt Lake

County, upon a promissory note given by the

defendant to the plaintiff. To this suit the

defendant appeared and without objection

to the jurisdiction of the District Court

filed an answer; afterward the case was

tried before a jury, which resulted in a

verdict and judgment for the plaintiff.

From this the defendant appeals, but

failed to perfect it in time. After the

appeal was dismissed the District Court

of the Third Judicial District, on the

application of the defendant, issued a writ

of certiorari, which brought the case to

the District Court. On the hearing, the

District Court held that the Probate Court

had no jurisdiction. The judgment was, therefore,

reversed, and the suit dismissed. An appeal

brings the case to this Court. The only

question involved is, have the

Probate Courts in this Territory juris-

diction, which is a common law?

This question is to be decided by

determining the true meaning of:

1. The Act of Utah;

2. The Organic Act.

These questions also involve the legis-

lative power of the Governor and Legis-

lative Assembly of this Territory. I

shall examine first the Act of Utah:

Sec. 22, p. 30, of the Acts of Utah pro-

vides that there shall be a Judge of Pro-

bate in each County within this Terri-

tory, whose jurisdiction within his

County in all cases arising within his

respective counties under the laws of

the Territory; Sec. 23, p. 31 of the same

Act says, the several Probate Courts in

their respective counties have power to

exercise original jurisdiction, both civil

and criminal, and as well in chancery

as at common law, when not prohibited

by Legislative enactment; and they

shall be governed by the same general

rules and regulations, as to practice, as

the District Courts. Other parts of the

same Act provide for a seal of Court, the

keeping of records, and the appointment

of these courts, with a sheriff to execute

their process. They are also authorized

to summon and hold petit juries, thus

providing for them all the common law

requirements of a Court of Record. Sec. 1,

p. 24 of the Utah Laws, provides that

"all the Courts of this Territory shall

have law and equity jurisdiction in

civil cases, and the mode of procedure

shall be uniform in said Courts." Not

withstanding any ambiguity or uncertain-

ty in the meaning of these statutes, I

must conclude that if the Legislature

had power to confer this jurisdiction on

these Courts, it has been done. There-

fore I pass to inquire whether there is

the requisite Legislative power in the

Governor and Legislative Assembly of

Utah to confer this jurisdiction. To de-

termine this, I shall look to the Organic

Act and examine it in connection with

the Constitution and Laws of the United

States, and with the decisions of the

Supreme Court.

tion of a State and an Organic Act

are both to be construed liberally; that

is, to authorize legislation on all right-

ful subjects of legislation, unless it be

subjected by prohibition. This is in

harmony with the theory, if not with

the practice, of the American States;

that all just powers of the government

are derived from the consent of the

governed. Before proceeding to the

Organic Act, I will remark: that nei-

ther the Constitution or a law of the

United States limits, or attempts to

limit, except in a very few cases, the

power either of the Executive, Judicial,

or Legislative in the Territories. And

that no law of Congress exists which

defines, limits, fixes, or sets bounds to

the judicial power of the Probate Courts

in this Territory. Organic Act, Sec. 4,

says, "the legislative power and author-

ity of said Territory shall be vested in

the Governor and Legislative Assem-

bly." Sec. 6 says, "the Legislative power

of said Territory shall extend to all

rightful subjects of legislation, con-

sistent with the Constitution of the

United States, and the provisions of

this act." These follow certain inhibi-

tions among which the jurisdiction of the

Probate Courts is not mentioned.

The Probate Courts in this land

exercise, and the Legislature power ex-

ercises, in the Territory, under the

Constitution of the United States,"

and "if it be a rightful subject of legis-

lation," which I trust I have before

shown conclusively that it is. An act

is consistent that is not inconsistent.

When the Constitution says nothing

about a subject of the judicial power of

a court, neither named, a statute nam-

ing the court and limiting its jurisdic-

tion must be consistent with the Con-

stitution. The Legislature limiting a

court without naming the court, is not

inconsistent with the Constitution. It

is not inconsistent with the Constitution

naming the same court and setting

bounds to its jurisdiction. When au-

thority is expressly given in a constitu-

tion, or in an Organic Act, to a legis-

lative department, to legislate on all

rightful subjects of legislation, such a

power ought not to be neutralized by

other words therein, unless these other

words clearly showed such an intent, or

at least, an intent to make the case an

exception to a general power. It is not

necessary to enumerate the various sub-

jects upon which the Legislature ex-

ercises its power, but to say that it

has power to exercise its lawful powers

on all subjects of legislation is the

right. It is quite enough for our

purpose to show what has before been

shown: that the legislative power of

fixing, giving, limiting or setting

bounds to judicial power, is a rightful

subject of legislation, unless clearly

restrained by a higher power, and that

in the case at bar, no higher power has

restrained it. Passing over several mat-

ters contained in the Constitution and

the Organic Act, relating to inhibitions

on Congressional and Territorial legis-

lative power, not necessary to be nam-

ed, because not affecting the case at

bar, I pass to the question of the

jurisdiction of the Probate Courts in

the Territory, which says: "The

judicial power of said Territory shall be

vested in a Supreme Court, District

Courts, Probate Courts, and in Justices

of the Peace. The jurisdiction of the

several courts herein provided for, both

the appellate and original, shall be as

limited by law." By what law? A law

then in existence or a law thereafter

to be passed? None others are pos-

sible. The law of the Territory, then, is

chancery jurisdiction. This cannot be

taken from them. But notwithstanding

this and notwithstanding it is to be

both appellate and original it is to be

exercised as it shall be limited by law.

It has been claimed that the maxim

above mentioned "the expression of one

thing is the exclusion of all others" ap-

plies in this phrase to the jurisdiction

of the courts inasmuch as it expressly

names the Supreme and District Courts,

and Justices of the Peace. But this

proves too much as it entirely excludes

Justices of the Peace. Besides, before

the proviso in the same section the

power to limit or prescribe the jurisdic-

tion of all the courts is expressly given.

The naming of the Supreme and Dis-

trict Courts in this proviso, saying:

"They shall possess chancery as well as

common law jurisdiction," is to be un-

derstood, as I have before said, as ex-

cluding the power of the Legislative

Assembly to take from these two courts

common law jurisdiction and giving

them chancery power. This view of

the subject is maintained by the con-

sideration that Congress, as a national

legislature has no power to legislate

relating to the internal police of a State,

in a State capacity, and that it was

authorizing the Legislative Assembly

to regulate the internal affairs of the

Territory, and that in a State a com-

mon law court could not, in the absence

of a constitution or statutory provision,

authorizing it to be done, exercise

chancery jurisdiction.

I am safe in saying that in every State

in the Union where the same courts

have both chancery and common law

jurisdiction, the chancery jurisdiction

has been given either in the Constitu-

tion or by statute.

Chancery jurisdiction must be given

in one of these ways. (Sec. 4 Kent,

11, ed. p. 133, note d.) These two juris-

dictions are separate and distinct, and

when chancery jurisdiction is given to