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OUR COAST DEFENSES

Great Cities of the United States at the Mercy of an Enemy.

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR NEW YORK.

It Would Take Three Years' Work to Properly Fortify That City Alone.

NEW YORK, June 2.—The Herald says into meeting that the committee by resolution of the United States Senate to examine the coast defenses has been in this city since Friday night and has examined the harbor and other defenses, concluding its labors yesterday morning.

According to Chairman W. C. Squire, United States senator from Washington, the report that committee will make to the Senate will unreservedly show that the condition of affairs is something shameful and unworthy of a nation such as this is.

He said that the committee would make the report before Congress adjourned in order that it may know the extreme that are being taken in case of war.

The committee on coast defense consists of General Hawley, Senators Squire of Washington, Gorman, Proctor, White and Hale. General Hawley and Senator Proctor are familiar with the subject, but did not accompany Messrs. Squire, White and Hale. Members who were Senators Dubois, Tillman and Perkins of the naval committee; Senator Cannon of Utah and Representative Wilson of Idaho.

"We concluded to see for ourselves," said Chairman Squire, "the condition of the defenses of the greatest commercial port in the United States. The defenses are today better—or they should be—than those of any other port in the United States. Yet these defenses are entirely below what is necessary to give any kind of defense against a foe. Our party accompanied by Major Fulton and Lieutenant Hunter of the ordnance department and Captain Rutger, of the engineer department, who had been ordered to assist us, left the battery on the ordnance department steamer. We went to Sandy Hook and examined the works for defense, the direct fire guns and their emplacements.

"The condition we found existing in New York is no less, and it is better than that of other great cities, what must be the condition in other places, some twenty-seven in all? In New York alone we have four hundred millions of destructible property.

"What we need to properly defend New York is ninety-three high power long range guns of eight, ten and twelve inches, and in addition to these we need 118 twelve-inch mortars, mortars and 500 repeating guns. If the whole of the manufacturing facilities in the country were put to work now it would take at least seven months to make the forgings for one gun and the work has not yet been begun and then it would require from six months to one year to complete the defenses that are absolutely necessary.

At Sandy Hook we found but two 12-inch guns ready to be fired and these had no range finders and were lacking the details necessary to do good effective work. There are no men there who could if they would be sent there they would not know what to do with those guns. Why, the place is commanded in the most peculiar manner. An instance. The men who where there could not get up steam to show the committee the rise and fall of these two guns.

At Fort Wadsworth we found five 8-inch guns, none ready for use and they will not be until some time in August. They are all the direct fire guns in the lower bay.

There are sixteen guns and a mortar battery at the Hook, but to set all the mortars and these guns in shape, if they were begun right away at least a year would be required.

At Fort Hamilton we found but one 10-inch gun which was not mounted.

The committee visited Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hamilton, Fort Schuyler, Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hamilton, Fort Schuyler, Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hamilton, Fort Schuyler,