# SOME TROUBLE IN ARMY CIRCLES

Annual Report of Brigadier General Carter Stirs Up Officers.

CONGRESS WAS CRITICISED.

### Also Took a "Fall" Out of the Quartermaster's Department of Which He Had Little Knowledge.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25 .- Army circles have been considerably exercleed the past week over the annual report of Brigadier Gen. W. H. Carter, commanding the department of the lakes, in which he not only severely criticises the acts of Congress and general regulations, but takes a "fall" out of the quartermaster's department. concerning which he can have at best but a superficial knowledge. As opposing these immature ideas is the experience of a stable department that shoulders, while my stomach was has withstood, for over a century the passing through, in practically its present form, five great wars, in which the reserve forces of the United States were called into action, the quarter master's department can safely siand siand on the record it has made in this time The earliest legislation relating to the quartermaster's department dates from June 16, 1775, when Congress, "resolved that there be one quartermaster general for the grand army and one deputy under him for the separate army," and in May, 1777, Congress adopted regulations for the guidance of the quartermaster general and his or the quarternester general and his assistants. The resignation of Gen. Thomas Mifflin, the first quarterness-ter general in November, 177, made it necessary that something difinite should be done to provide for his suc-cessor and in February of the year following Congress adopted a plan for arreine into some doctor has decided that an carrying into execution the business of the quartermaster's department. That was the real beginning of the depart-ment which today handles more money attends to more intricate details of distribution and supply of the various articles which go to make up the necessary impediments of troops, in peace and war, than all other supply departments of the army put together.

### SYSTEM OF SUPPLY,

Profiting by the actual experience of rise officers and controlled by successive legislation acts, in conformity therewith, there had been produced a system of supply, which at the outbreak of the Civil war permitted ready expansion to meet the enormous demands made upon it. Concerning the efficiency of the quartermaster's de-partment at this time Gen. Carter says: "With the lessons of the Civil war open to all who cared to study them and the grave defects in our system during that conflict, pointed out, while the scenes were yet fresh in the minds of the many distinguished officers who have written upon the subject, we embarked into the war with Spain without heeding their warnings. The country at large recognized that there was blundering in 1898, but had no means of definitely locating the source of causes of trouble, except that they did not lie with the fighting



MRS. MATTIE KLINE, 558 E. Couch street, Portland, Orc., writes:

"Some time ago my health seemed to give way. The doctor said that I had ovarian trouble and general weakness. I had severe pains in the back and OPERATION ADVOCATED. Ny physician said that I ought to be operated upon, but I strongly objected to ii, and one of my friends advised me try Peruna.

"I am pleased to say that this medicine saved me from [ SAVED BY a painful operation and restored me to PE-RU-NA. perfect health and strength in a little over three months. I am very much pleased with the good your medicine has

Some doctor has decided that an operation is necessary. She takes Peruna and discovers that her trouble is vanishing. She is finally restored to health and gives Peruna the credit.

there must of necessity be delay. With respect to policies, the experi-

ences of the Civil war gave little profit cated in another. Upon whose should-ers the blame for such blundering should fall, it is thought the nation at large, by this time, is fully cognizant. To the uninitiated, Gen. Catter's comments carry wholesale denunclations without even suggesting or out-lining a remedy and bear the stamp of ignorance of details and facts connected with business, concerning which, officers are now, as they have

been in the past, devoting their entire time and energy to overcome, such defects, as changing conditions necessituted. Familiar as they are with the many restrictions which congressional action imposes in time of peace, dealing daily with the manifold problems of demand and supply, these efficers are from the very nature of things, best filted to observe defects and, with the subordinate grades, as chief quarterdge acquired h their own experfence to correct them. the Relief Expedition to China, as chief quariermaster of the division of the As established by law it is the business of the quartermaster department to clothe and shelter the armies of the United States; to purchase and distribute certain supplies needed in garrison and field and to transport dlippines, brought to the office he now holds that ripened experience of an active life. oupled with this are his well known ideas as to the needs of the line and both troops and impedimenta as octhe constant sympathy casions arise. which characterize his efforts to im-IN TIME OF PEACE. prove their supplies. Constant vigilance to avoid exceeding appropriations is enjoined upon him, In time of peace the traditions of he country and the wishes of its people prohibit the accumulations of mucreasing each year while the demands ions of war in large quantities. It thereon are increasing. It is only by detailed supervision that the object to be attained is accomplished. The needs necessary, however, that in their manufacture and purchase localities he selected where such supplies can of the army in general and not that of a particular department is his guide be collected for distribution to the various points where the units of the and if there were displayed the same loyalty in the support of his efforts army may be serving. For this purpose general depots, some of them a century old, were established at as he gives unreservedly to the needs the service, his stewardship will centrally located points where are re-ceived and stored certain articles of loso with increased credit equipment, in sufficient quantities, however, to meet the demands of the ods of the department he represents. immediate future only. These de-**BIG HORN EXCURSION** expansion to meet the demands which will be placed upon them when large

bodies of troops are put into the

and to the commanding officers of the

CARTER FINDS FAULT.

appropriations, army transportation, incidental expenses and regular sup-

plies; an expenditure up to \$200 on

storm; an expenditure up to \$599 for

the repair of any building in his de-

partment which authority is limited

only by the total annual allotment

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where expenditures are involved the department commander is vested with final action on all estimates covering certain supplies, such as clothing and equipment, when the allowance is fix-ed by regulations. It is such sup-plies as these which are stored in the general depots above referred to sub-ject to requisition on these estimates.

DUTY NOT PERFORMED. To post commanders and com-

manding officers of independent con-mands, the authority of the secretary of war is delegated, covering omerg-ency expenditures when delay in securing higher authority would result In loss of government property or the delay be faimical to the laterests of the service

To the quartermaster-general this authority is extended on all special estimates not covered by the forego-ing when the expenditure involved

does not exceed \$200. With the provisions as above out-lined, and bearing in mind the intent of congressional acts it is possible for the needs of the scritic to be promptly met. If such is not the case, then the fault is chargeable to duty metti-ciently performed and not to the sys-tem whose limit of classicity has never ver here.

et been reached That all of the arts of these car officers to whom authority for expendi tures is delegated may be correlated and the appropriations therefor hat exceeded there has recently been devised a system of accounting which enable the secretary of war to know at any time the exact state of the various ap-propriations. In what way it has restricted or hampered department com-manders, Gen. Catter has not shown. It has, however, supplied a long feit whit and with its extension as antici-pated, will be made to fit any condition and meet any energency it may be called upon to stand. At this point it a interesting to note that the system of accounting in its present form, be came operative July 1, 1906, the same date as the report which so freely conlemus it.

#### MORE ECONOMICAL.

Referring to the subject of decentral. ization which admits of department commanders and chief quartermasters being citrusted in peace with the busi-ness which would fail to them in war, and at the same time reduce mount of paper work and correspondce with the war department."

Department commanders and chief quartermasters are now performing exctly the same acts relative to supply that they will be called upon to perform in time of war. They are buying their supplies needed for immediate con-sumption; they are making ordinary emergency purchases and repairs; they are acting on requisitions for clothing and equipment and forwarding them the depots of supply to be shipped, and they are reporting their acts in a manter more economical as to time than has ever before been devised.

In time of war dependence must be had on purchasing officers in the rear to keep such supplies coming forward as cannot be procured locally, which means the majority of all needed. 'To delegate entire authority to a com-manding general and his chief quartermaster in time of peace simply means this burden would fall like a mantel on others as soon as troops took the fiel and not the converse as Gen. Carter seems to think.

VIGILANCE REQUIRED.

Since the advent of the present quartermaster general, Brig.-Gen. C. Humphrey, more has been done wards decentralization than has been accomplished in many years. And from his well known views on the subject it is assumed that more will be done just as rapidly as the details of each problem can be worked out. As a soldier during the Civil war, as a line officer subsequent thereto, as post quar-termaster and a staff officer, in the

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the Santiago campaign

w seem prone to assail the meth-

Humphrey



the spirited contest among the various choirs. Four choirs entered the lists for the prize of \$40 by choirs of 30 volces, viz., Manimuth, Edward Davis, leader, Twenty-seventh ward, Thomas leader, Twebty-seventh ward, Thomas H. Ash, leader, Twenty-second ward, Ernest Winn, leader, Kaysville, Dr. J. H. Grant, leader, The judges were Profs, Anton Pedersen, J. J. Daynes, and Hugh Dougail. The Kaysville choir won with a zcore of 77 out or a possible 90, as per the following table:

# Quality .... Relative standing 68 51

The judges in awarding the priz

stated that the general presentation of the song "America" by the Kaysvill singers was good, and the tone quality excellent, excepting the tenors, who forced their voices in the final climax. In the second class, for 14 voice choirs the Sugar House (Sait Lake) war choir was the only entry, and wa awarded the \$25 prizs. The leader i Angus Alston, aged 22. Charles Ken was master of ceremonies and intro duced the competing choirs. After th contest was over, all of the choir united in singing the national anthem which was given with zest and spirit The Mammoth choir was composed almost entirely of children, and the choir of the Twenty-seventh ward was equally divided between children and adults. The Rio Grande Western brought in 400 excursionists from the owns around Mammoth, and the Short Line brought a similar number from Davis county, the entire attendance being about 3,990. The occasion was much enjoyed. The Eisteddfod is in the interest of good choir singing, and will be encouraged.

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#### ----DURAND TRIAL MONDAY.

Trouble Awaits Him for Making Threats to Kill.

Charles F. Durand, justice of the peace of Murray, who threatened to kill Editor J. S. Barlow of the Murray Eagle in the latter's office on Monday night, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Charles Holm at Murray yesterday afternoon and pleaded not guilty to the charge. He will be tried Monday at 2 o'clock. Barlow had published some scorching criticisms published some scorening criticisms of Justice Durand and his method of conducting court, which so enraged Durand that he went to the office of the editor on Monday night and threatand support ened to shoot his head off if he ever used his name again in the Eagle. Af-ter the threat was repeated, Durand left the office and later was arrested as these appropriations are deby Deputy Sheriff Steele, who was sent for by Mr. Barlow.

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## BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME FOR COLORADO.

Denver, Aug. 28,-Recently there has been filed with the state engineer of Colorado papers which have for their purpose the redemption of nearly 1,000 009 acres of arid land, the largest in rigation proposition that has ever been undertriken by private capital. Frank McCarthy, a civil engineer of Der r, is new drafting plans to build serven that will cover 24 squar 24 squar lles, have an average depth of 35 feet id will use the entire surplus water of the Flatto river. Herelofore it has been estimated that

23.115.906.000 cubic, feet of water was wasted yearly in the Platte river wate which it properly diverted and used on land adjoining would irr'rate 1,000,000 acres of land and would surport several

thousand provide. This proposition is being financed by a syndicate of New York and London binkers. Engineer McCarthy estimates that the reservoir and dant will coal in the weighborhood of \$4,000,000. Th ork will commune about Oct. 1 of this

# WELLMAN QUITS.

Abandons His Search for the North Pole This Year.

Hammerfest, Norway, Aug. 28 .- According to a dispatch received here to-day from Splizenberg, Walter Well-man, leader of the Chleago Record-Heraid polar expedition, starts south within a week, having finally decided to abandon for this year his attempt to reach the pole by means of an airship



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unit of the army, but in its administra-tion and supply."

In the face of actual experiences en-countered during the Civil war, and of the opinions expressed by distinguished officers it is inconceivable that one who, presumably attempts to present matters in a fair light, should have found occasion to express the views above quoted. In support of the effi-cient manner in which the guartermaster's department met the demands made upon it, it is interesting to nois the contradiction between the views of distinguished officers of ripened ex-perience and those held by Gen. Carter, whose career in the army up to the present time, is not comparable, with the careers of those whose views are herein quoted.

At the close of the Civil war when reduction in national expenses became imperative one of the first things to demand the attention of Congress was the reduction and reorganization of the army. In this, Congress was wisely guided by the experiences of general officers whose achievements in the four years struggle made their views of exceptional value.

#### PUBLISHED REPORTS.

In the published reports of the congressional committee dealing with this subject are found the following as bearing upon the quartermaster's department:

Gen. W. T. Sherman: "A staff system that has admitted of an in-crease of the line of the army from the mere nucleus of 1869 to a million of men, and its reduction back to the merest standard without confusion. and with the most perfect account-ability as to property and money, at all times providing for the army abundantly, is entitled to our respect. same subject Gen. P. H. Sheridan says: "The present system has work-ed very satisfactorily I think. It has carried us through a long war and I believe that, properly managed, it is about as good as anything we can get. As other nations have different systems, some officers want changes, but they forget that other nations are subjected to different conditions, so that what might be good for Germany or France in the staff or-ganization, would not be suitable for the United States."

Gen. George C. Mende: "I have had a fair opportunity to observe the workings of the present system both n time of war and peace. It has always worked well." Gen. W. S. Hancock: "Those do-

partments (quartermaster's, sary and pays as they conducted work during the war gave great satis-faction." In another place Gen. Han-"From recent experiences cock says: of our great way we have an assurance that those (staff) departments can be relied upon under the present system to perform their respective duties in eral off required by the troops serving within the limit of his commands; the purchase up to \$200 of any sup-plies needed and payable from the the most successful manner under all circumstances."

In what is known as the Garfield report made to the house of represen-tatives in 1869 the committee on army organization made the following state-"Much can be said in praise of these departments (staff depart-ments ) for their efficient services during the late war. No large army was ever so well clothed and fed, so promptly transported, or had so efficient medical attendance or comfortable provision made for the sick and wounded as ours."

### RECORD A GOOD ONE.

This record, to which the quartermaster's department can point with pride, it was prepared to reproduce in the war with Spain, and had not its action been hampered by unwise pol-icles there would have been even less ground for criticism than existed in the minds of some as to its conduct in the Civil war. Without commenting on the reasons which made these polcles operative, it is unjust to charge to a system, the deficiences to which Gen. Carter refers, in attempting to supply, with all of its munitions of an army corps over a single track road, deficient both in rolling stock and facilities for handling the mmense business attendant thereon.

### Sept. 1st and 3rd.

Certain other supplies, such as fuel, Certain other supplies, such as fuel, forage, etc., are purchased by author-ity of department commanders and under their immediate direction at or near the points where they are to be consumed. For other expenditures necessary to the maintenance and support of the army, provision is made whereby authority for incurring indebtedness is delegated by the sec-Via Orezon Short Line. Rate to Frannie, Wyo., and return from Salt Lake, \$20.00. Proportionately low rates from other Utah stations. The only direct route is via the Oregon Short Line and Butte, and through Short sleeper will be provided. For further particulars see any Short Line Agent. City Titcket Office 201 Main St. indebtedness is delegated by the secretary of war to the quartermaster-general, to department commanders

### ORGAN RECITALS. The One Yesterday Well Attended-

Program for Friday Afternoon.

With reference to the latter Gen. Carter finds fault and expresses the opinion that commanding generals and The program of yesterday's tabernaquartermasters have been decle organ recital was a popular one, prived of "all authority over army including a prelude to "Tristan and appropriations" and states that the Isolde." and the ever favorite "Oberon" present system "requires the most de-tailed estimates and much corresoverture; while the old melody number ondence concerning every petty ex-enditure involving a few cents." These statements are absolutely was "Home Sweet Home," with variations on the vex humana combination. The fact that the local musical taste is being educated up to a higher stan-dard of appreciation, has been evi-denced in the last few weeks by the false, as facts will show, and place their author in an attitude antagonise to army regulations. By law authority for the expendi-arcs of appropriations made for the applause from the galleries of compositions severely classical, yet representa-tive of true music, viz., after the play-ing by Prof. McClellan of the Mendelsapport of the army is vested in the secretary of war. This authority is by him (as pubsohn No. 1 ergan sonais and Gibson's elegey in F minor. The performance lighed in Arm, Regulations) delegated of yesterday was up to the usual high standard, and the registration in the First-The commanding generals of

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the departments. Second—The quartermaster general. Third—The commanding officer of a post or independent command. verture was ideal. The program for next Friday after-non will be as follows, with Prof. Me-Clellan at the console: The extent of this authority to that of the first class is as follows: The purchase of all fuel, forage and min-

"Concert Overture" ...... Faulkes 'Marche Funebre" ..... Chopiu

## The Dunlap Hat

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# MISS JAENSCH WON.

Captured the Ninth Silver Medal in Oratorical Contest.

Miss Ida Jaensch of 167 east Fourth South street won the ninth silver medal. in Hot Weather in the W. C. T. U. oratorical series of contests, last evening, in the Phillips

church, over four competitors, her se-lection being entitled, "Shoemaker and lection being entitled, "Shoemaker and the Little While Shoes," The contest was presided over by Mrs. E. E. Shep-ard, state president of the W. C. T. U. The judges of the contest were Rev. William L. Dexter of Bingham, Rev. C. M. Kilpatrick of St. George and E. M. Hoffe of St. Louis. Airs. Shepard and Mrs. Montgomery will go to Hela-

