

## GEN. CHAFFEE'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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### WOULD DISFRANCHISE DESERTER

Pay is insufficient to Get the Class of Men that is Desired for the Artillery.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Lieut. Gen. Chaffee, chief of staff of the United States army, in his annual report, says in his opinion little new general legislation is needed at this time. He says sufficient time has not elapsed since the organization of the army to determine just what legislation is necessary. He suggests the enactment of state laws disfranchising deserters from the army. The general says that inquiry of men in guard houses on his tour of inspection elicited no special reason for desertion, the general reply being that army life was not what had been anticipated.

Gen. Chaffee believes the adoption of his suggestion would relieve military prisons of two-thirds of their occupants, leaving to the general staff corps his men.

"Abundant proof of the wisdom of Congress in establishing the new corps and prescribing its duties is found in the record of its first year's work, which warrants the confident expectation that in due time the highly important objects of the law will be fully accomplished."

The signal corps is highly commended for the installation of the Alaskan telegraph system.

At present there are something over 1500 general prisoners at army posts, and the post guard houses are "simply crowded to an unsanitary limit."

A number of extracts from the reports of general officers favoring the reorganization of the artillery are given. Gen. Chaffee says that the number of men and officers of the artillery corps is insufficient and their organization is not the best. The pay allowed is said to be inadequate to obtain the men desired for the artillery arm.

The report adds that the chief of artillery says that in the absence of approved range and position finding equipment and other accessories, the coast defense guns are deprived of two-thirds of their value by day and all or nearly all of their value by night. All the deficiencies cited, it is stated, can be remedied only after executive action by Congress. It is added, however, that conditions do not seem to be so critical as to warrant hasty action.

Gen. Chaffee recommends the enlargement of the following military reservations, the sums stated being the estimated cost of additional land:

Fort Baker and Point Bonita, California, \$125,000; Vancouver Barracks, B. C., \$25,000; Yokuba Point, Wash., \$2,500; Fort Haydon, N. M., \$30,000. It is stated that it seems necessary to secure control of the source of the water which supplies the valley adjoining Fort Haydon, and to abandon the pulmonary hospital there.

### SENATOR NEWLANDS ON IRRIGATION PROBLEM.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Senator Newlands of Nevada has arrived in Washington, having attended the National Irrigation congress at El Paso en route. He regards the congress as one of the most important yet held, and says that it will be fruitful of results.

"It practically settled the controversy between New Mexico and Texas," said the senator, "and the international contest between the United States and Mexico as to the waters of the Rio Grande by bringing the delegates from New Mexico, Texas and Mexico into agreement as to the location of the great dam and reservoir at Elephant Butte, in New Mexico. It declared by

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an overwhelming vote in favor of William E. Smythe's resolution for holding the remaining public domain for actual settlers and homesteaders by the repeal of the timber and stone act, the desert land act and the commutation cause of the homestead act and recommending in lieu thereof the sale of stumps, the receipts to go into the reclamation fund, and the passage of a desert act with liberal provisions as to reclamation.

"It also adopted Mr. Smythe's resolution favoring the co-operation of the states with federal government in the work of reclamation by the organization of irrigation districts under the state laws and advice of the United States reclamation service as to plans and its supervision as to construction. The union of the federal and state forces would thus enable the negotiation of lands by the districts for reservoir and storage purposes.

"It was particularly struck by the clear explications made at the congress by the members of the reclamation, forestry and weather service of the scientific bureaus. I think that the work now being done by the reclamation service will do much to instruct us as to the ability of the whole people through their government to do things heretofore regarded as exclusively within the domain of private enterprise.

"The success of this work will depend as heretofore on the exemption of this service from partisan, factional or sectional influence. The growing favor with which the work of this service is regarded by the west is doing much to convince the people of the ability of Uncle Sam to do things.

"This congress selected as its new president, Gov. Pardee of California. The press dispatches announcing his candidacy for this position had no foundation. On the contrary, I declined to allow my name to be considered.

"I think that the plan of district co-operation favored by the congress works greatly to the advantage of California, for it offers large opportunities for storage projects, though the lands to be reclaimed are mainly in private ownership.

I predict great development there in this direction from the work of Gov. Pardee, who has been recently manifesting a most intelligent interest in irrigation problems, and the efforts of such men as William E. Smythe of San Diego, the author of 'The Conquest of Arid America,' and the originator of the first irrigation congress held in Salt Lake 12 years ago. We counted over those who had participated in this congress and there were only 12 of us present at El Paso.

"The next congress will be held at Portland, Or., at the time of the exposition and will, I am sure, be a great success."

### Man Wanted Found.

Los Angeles, Nov. 25.—James Mathias, who was arrested in Santa Monica several days since, was positively identified today as the man for whom the police department has been searching for months. Witnesses were brought in from several outside towns who testified that he had passed raised money orders. It is claimed the man has operated all the way down the coast from Portland to San Diego, and that from twenty to fifty cases could be made out against him.

### Arkansas Murderer Hanged.

Batesville, Ark., Nov. 25.—Robert Cauby was hanged today for murdering Sheriff D. Menigan on Sept. 15, 1904.

### Oregon Land Fraud Cases.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—Another support in the superstructure of the government's evidence in the trial of the land fraud cases was supplied today in the testimony of Robert G. Pierce, one of the surviving parties, which accompanied A. W. Barber on his tour of examination of the claims. His testimony was an exhaustive account in detail of the trips made by the party during the six days they scrambled through the virgin forests of township 11 south, range 7 east, in search of homestead improvements, which certain documents on file in the land office, made it appear were made. The testimony of Pierce was corroborative of that of Barber, given yesterday, but

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### INDIAN COLONISTS. Contemplate Going to Mexico to Establish Themselves.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 25.—An Indian chief named Ahista, a delegate from the Indian reservation at Yalea, N. M., accompanied by three of his tribesmen, left here today for the City of Mexico, where they are going to confer with the Mexican government for the purpose of securing negotiations relative to the establishment of a colony of Indians in Mexico. The Indians gave as their reasons for going to Mexico, rapid encroachment of the whites, and said it would not be long until all the Indians would leave the United States.

### Preferred Death to Shame.

New York, Nov. 25.—The young woman whose body was found in a Williamsburg hotel Monday night, and who apparently had committed suicide, was today identified as Jessie Volt, who lived for a time at College Point, Long Island. She said there that she had come from Iowa. It is believed that starving and destitute, she chose death rather than a life of shame. She had been seeking work in some of the factories in Brooklyn and this led to her identification. On Wednesday a woman who saw the body said that it was that of her sister "Dora," and today she telephoned that she would attend to the funeral. In view of this incident today's identification has added mystery to the case.

### To Prevent Football Playing.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—State legislation forbidding the playing of football in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin is urged by James F. Rowley of Chicago, whose son died of injuries received in a game on Nov. 5.

### Sinclair's Body Found.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25.—The lifeless body of Clarence W. Sinclair, master of the launch Blenheim, which runs on Lake Washington, was found in the lake this morning. The body was lying face downward in about 18 inches of water, crowded in against the shore by a large log, and must have fallen where it was found.

### Row Among Bovey Chinamen.

New York, Nov. 25.—Fully 50 pistol shots were exchanged in the Bovey tonight between eight or ten Chinese, and as a result two white men were wounded, one probably fatally. The shooting was between members of the Hip Sing Tong, a reform organization of the Chinamen, and the On Leong Tong, a Chinese secret society, which is reputed to foster opium traffic. None of the Chinese was hit, but John Baldwin received a bullet in the abdomen which will likely cause death, and Horace Lawli was shot in the hip. Several Chinese were arrested.

## BREWERY WORKERS MEET WITH DEFEAT

Federation of Labor Convention Decides it Has No Jurisdiction Over Engineers

### DIFFERENCES WERE COMPARED.

Porto Rican Delegate Says Workmen's Condition in the Island is Worse Than Under Spanish Rule.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—After spending almost the entire day in a bitter debate, the differences between the Brewery Workers' union and the International Brotherhood of Engineers, Firemen and Teamsters were settled by the American Federation of Labor. The vote on every point at issue, with one minor exception, was against the Brewery Workers' union.

The Brewery Workers' union claimed that all firemen, engineers and teamsters employed about breweries should join and come under the jurisdiction of the Brewery Workers' union.

The representatives of the International Brotherhood of Engineers, Firemen and Teamsters objected to this, and introduced a resolution to the effect that all workers in breweries be organized according to their respective crafts and asked the convention to vote that all engineers, firemen and teamsters now in the Brewery Workers' union shall leave the same and join organizations of their respective crafts. For an hour a debate was indulged in on the proposition to substitute the word "may" for "shall," and the convention finally voted for the change. This permits the engineers, firemen and teamsters to elect whether or not they shall secede from the Brewery Workers' union.

It was charged during the debate that the Brewery Workers' union had filed the places of engineers and firemen on strike in St. Louis and Belleville, Ill., with nonunion men, and thereupon organized the latter.

It was requested that the American Federation of Labor compel the strikers to be reinstated, and the convention so voted. They likewise voted that all injunctions pending or obtained by the Brewery Workers' union against other organizations be withdrawn or dissolved.

Santiago Iglesias, representative from Porto Rico, addressed the delegates, and said that the condition of the workmen in his native land was worse under the present regime than under that when Spain was in power. He averred that 500 Porto Ricans died each month from starvation.

The proposition to amalgamate the three central bodies of San Francisco was found to be an impossible task at the present time, as was the attempt to adjust the differences between the Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Association of Woodworkers. The delegates unanimously voted to use every effort to make more effective the union label, as it was avowed that the enemies to organized labor were endeavoring to destroy the label's meaning.

A resolution to do away with the Washington lobby was voted down after the Socialist delegates had made speeches in favor of its passage. The Socialists were opposed on the floor by President Gompers. The latter bitterly denounced the 35 Socialists for what he termed their sneering trade.

As an aftermath of the fight between the Chicago Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor, a constitutional amendment was adopted at tonight's session providing that any organization or person seeking or being under suspension by the American Federation of Labor shall be denied a seat in the annual convention of the national body. This was especially framed to cover such cases as that presented in the case of Delegate Mangau of Chicago. The amendment consisted in the addition of the words "or person."

An amendment, similar in character, which provided that a city central body might denur to the seating of an objectionable delegate of a local union affiliated with an international union, joined to the American Federation of Labor, but not deny the whole local union representation in the central labor body, was presented. This covered cases similar to that presented in the question of the seating of William Schardt, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor. The amendment was carried.

### ECONOMICALLY POLAND SUFFERS BECAUSE OF WAR.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—The Associated Press has received the following letter from Warsaw regarding the situation in Poland.

"Economically Poland is suffering with the rest of Russia on account of the war. Poland had a large market in Siberia, but this has been also cut off owing to the lack of facilities for transportation. Between 35,000 and 40,000 persons are out of work in Warsaw, but the government is trying to give relief. Over 4,000 have been given employment at making clothing and boots for the soldiers. Two bad harvests in succession add to the distress. Socialism seems to be making headway in only a few internal centers like Warsaw and Lodzu. Although there is unrest among the peasants, they are untouched by the Socialist propaganda.

"The rioting a week ago was caused by a combination of Socialism and want, accentuated by conscription and the calling out of the reserves. The rioters seized the moment when the people were emerging from the Church of All Saints to unfurl a red flag, but the demonstration seemed to be without definite purpose. The police were taken unawares and fired several rounds. The workmen also were armed, and used their weapons freely. Fifteen persons were killed and sixty wounded. Conscription proceeds most unhappily, though with less difficulty than during the Turkish war."

### POTATO CROP FAILURE. Causing Much Distress Among Peasantry of Connemara.

London, Nov. 25.—The failure of the potato crop is causing great distress and suffering among the peasantry of Connemara.

The Galway county council today adopted resolutions urging the government, in view of the pressing need, to afford assistance by providing relief works, and especially in the congested districts, and by supplying cheap potatoes for the coming season.

The council suggested, among other things, the development of mineral resources. Reports from various districts of Ireland state that the pinch of hunger is already severely felt, especially on the Mayo seaboard.

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