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WASHINGTON LETTER,

Progress Made by the Senate in Considering Army Reorganization.

Report on River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, Jan. 7th.—The senate has made considerable progress in considering the army reorganization bill, and, although no time has been set for a vote, it is believed that the bill will be passed during this week. The debate has compelled the opponents of the bill to acknowledge that the troops provided for in the bill are needed in the Philippines. They have been compelled to base their opposition on details of the bill, and some of them have gone so far as to propose furnishing the men in some other way. There is no likelihood of such a proposition being accepted, however, as with the exception of Senator Hoar, every republican is believed to be prepared to vote for the bill. He is the only republican who has spoken against it. Senator Teller rather amused his colleagues by stating that he withdrew his speech of two years ago, in which he scoffed at imperialism under the American flag, and professed to see imperialism in the acts of the Philippine Commission, which is engaged in setting up civil government in the pacified portions of the Philippines. Some of the democrats pretend to see in the bill discrimination against the volunteer officers now in the Philippines, but that is the veriest nonsense.

The report on the river and harbor bill, submitted by Chairman Burton, contains much information concerning the appropriations carried by that bill, a total of \$59,935,415. The total number of improvements provided for is 408, of which 232 are rivers and 146 harbors. These were selected from improvements aggregating \$300,000,000, which United States Army engineers had estimated for.

Both supporters and opponents of the oleomargarine bill passed by the house, are putting forth their strongest arguments in the hearings before the senate committee on agriculture. Present indications are that the bill will be favorably reported to the senate, but whether it will get acted upon will depend largely upon other legislation.

Senator McComas predicts the formation of a socialist party in the United States with Mr. Bryan for its leader and candidate for president. He cites Mr. Bryan's speeches in the late campaign as proof that he is already more of a socialist than anything else.

Those who pretend to see antagonism to the ship subsidy bill in the vote of the senate giving the army reorganization bill the right of way held by the shipping bill are ignoring the facts. It was agreed at the time the shipping bill was made the regular business of the senate that if it were not disposed of when the army bill, which is an urgency measure, was reported to the senate, it should give way to that measure. That the move was in no way prejudicial to the shipping bill was shown by the fact that not a single vote was cast against the motion to put the army bill ahead.

Some surprise was felt and expressed by the republican leaders of the house, who had long ago decided that the question of the restriction of suffrage in the South should not be taken up at this session of Congress when Representative Olmsted, without conferring with anyone, and entirely upon his own responsibility, offered a resolution providing that such an investigation should be made before the re-appointment bill was acted upon. Although Mr. Olmsted had a perfect right to do this, it was somewhat surprising, and of course, could have but one result, the shelving of his resolution, by sending it to the census committee. Even if there had been no other objection, it would not be possible to procure the information upon which to make even the most hurried investigation within the life of the present congress. There was a regrettable wrangle between Chairman Hopkins, of the census committee, the author of the committee re-appointment bill, and Representative Littlefield, of Maine, who is supporting the substitute introduced by Representative Burleigh, of Maine, in which both gentlemen used unparliamentary language, and had to be called to order by Acting-Speaker Dalzell. It is natural enough that Mr. Littlefield and the other Maine members should support the Burleigh bill, which retains the present number of members from their state, while the Hopkins bill re-

duces it by one, but it is none the less regrettable that he should have seen fit to make a personal attack upon Mr. Hopkins in supporting the bill. The fight over this bill is likely to go on all this week. It is entirely outside of party lines.

THE WORLD'S MONEY.

Great Increase in the Production of Gold in Recent Years.

The annual report of George E. Roberts, director of the mint, will prove interesting reading to students of currency questions. The collection of complete statistics regarding the money supply of the world was only begun at the Mint Bureau within the past decade, but careful research has brought together some interesting figures of the supply of money in the leading commercial countries in 1873. The total stock then reported was about \$4,600,000,000, of which more than half was in paper money not fully covered by metallic reserves. The situation at the beginning of 1900 showed a total monetary stock of about \$11,600,000,000, of which but little more than one-fourth was in uncovered paper. The actual amount of paper money in circulation is greater than these figures indicate, but a portion is omitted from the net statistics because it is covered dollar for dollar by the great gold and silver reserves of the countries where the money is issued. It is considered a fair statement of the monetary condition of the country to set off these reserves against the paper which they cover and estimate the actual paper margin only at the amount in excess of the reserves.

It appears then that while the total money supply of the world has increased about \$7,000,000,000 in less than thirty years, the increase in gold has been about \$3,600,000,000, in silver about \$2,750,000,000, and in uncovered paper only about \$650,000,000. A large portion of the increase in gold has taken place within the short space of seven years. The great outburst of activity in the mining of gold which followed the suspension of the coinage of silver in India and the United States, involving the rapid development of the mines of South Africa and the Klondike region, with the increased output of Australia and California, has resulted, therefore, in supplying nearly the entire monetary needs of the world, without resort to any material increase in the net supply of paper money in circulation.

Mr. Roberts has recently made public his preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the year just ended. The aggregate of gold is given as 3,837,218 fine ounces, valued at \$79,322,251, and of silver, 59,610,543 fine ounces, which at the approximate average price of 61 cents for the year makes the value \$36,362,431. During the calendar year 1899 the gold production was \$71,053,400 and the silver production 54,764,500 fine ounces. North Carolina's contribution is gold to the value of \$51,018 and silver to the amount of 13,092 fine ounces. The value of the latter may be put at about \$8000.

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The increase in the amount of some of the staple crops grown in the United States within the past fifty years may be seen from the following summary. The wheat crop in 1850 was about 100,500,000 bushels, and in 1900, 550,000,000; corn in the same time has increased from less than 600,000,000 bushels to more than two billion; the aggregate of oats, rye and barley has increased more than five-fold. Cotton is credited with less than 2,500,000 bales and over 10,000,000 now, and tobacco has increased from less than 200,000,000 pounds to 450,000,000.

LEGISLATURE MEETS.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—The General Assembly convened today at noon. Tomorrow the message of Governor Russell will be read in both houses.

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