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**UNITED STATES MILITIA.
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How to Increase the Military Force Without Creating a Standing Army—Organizing a Militia for Future Contingencies.

Correspondence New York Herald.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 9, 1877.

The discussion in Congress yesterday as to the expediency of increasing the army, consequent upon the introduction of the Army Appropriation bill, shows that even in the South there is quite a diversity of opinion on that subject. This led me to ask this morning the views of an ex-Confederate general, who is at present very prominently connected with the Military Department of the State of Virginia, and who developed a somewhat novel army system for the country.

"In it your opinion that the army ought to be increased?" I asked.

"The remedy is not in an increase of the army, but in a proper organization of the militia—a building up and extending of a system of military reserves for national defence, but which shall primarily serve for State police."

"How is this to be effected?"

"The States must be required to protect themselves with their own people against their own disorders. They must be made more robust and self-reliant. On the other hand the military power of the Union ought to be enlarged on an extended basis of militia or volunteers, well drilled, well disciplined and instructed, who could on an emergency be called out to resist foreign invasion or to suppress insurrection. The people of the country go along as if no other war were ever to occur. The one we had they suppose to be sufficient to last forever."

REBELLION STILL POSSIBLE.

"But in the very nature of things disturbances must occur in the future. Whether the question of labor and capital will breed them I do not say. Put the strikers in possession of the central West, and they can get it by the ballot whenever they are properly led; let them control the government from the Ohio to the lakes, and one can easily foresee fruitful causes of resistance to the laws of the Union. We fought the Union on our ideas, but other States with State laws and State forces had before us resisted the Union. I therefore infer that hereafter there will be wars and rumors of wars. Preparation and readiness to meet them is the proper and best way to prevent them. John Brown's raid in 1859 was the spark that burst into flame two years afterward. It is probably wise to watch lest the spark at Pittsburg in 1877 do not burst out somewhere else."

FEDERAL MILITIA.

"What is your plan of an enlargement of the military power of the Union?"

"There was an attempt to organize the militia in the first part of Washington's administration by the passage of an act of Congress for that purpose in May, 1792, providing for its enrollment, &c., but it was never enforced. In 1812, during the war slurry of Mr. Jefferson's expiring administration, an act was passed appropriating \$200,000 for the purpose of arming and equipping the whole body of the militia, and this is the only provision made by law to this day for them. In 1861 proper legislation was had to provide for the militia when called into the service of the United States. Now, instead of a large standing army, the army ought to be cut down to the force actually necessary for fighting purposes. But the militia ought to be organized and made effective for ordinary guard duty and likewise held in readiness as the militia reserve, like

the *Landwehr* or *Armee Territoriale*.

THE PLAN.

"Take \$10,000,000 from the army appropriation and apply it to the militia. Divided among the States, it will give Virginia \$300,000 for her quota. With that sum I will undertake to have enrolled, instructed and drilled in proper camps of instruction under proper officers, 5,000 of as good troops as are necessary for any emergency. In the same ratio 175,000 good soldiers could be trained in the Union and held in readiness. The State should be allowed to organize and officer their own militia. The surplus officers of the United States army, after a proper term of service on the frontier in actual camp life, should be stationed in the States to supervise and instruct militia, inspect their condition and report how the appropriation is expended. It would be proper to keep the cadre of the regular army as to its staff and commissioned officers on a scale sufficient for a force of 50,000 or 100,000 men. When the militia was called out the whole machinery of service would be completed by putting them (the officers) at once in it.

CARE OF THE FORTS.

"A portion of the militia could protect the forts and public property in the different States. It would serve as instruction for them and would cost no more than the present system of guarding them with regulars. This military organization is the strongest one possible for the United States under the present institutions of the country. When they rely upon a standing army to preserve order and not on the courage and patriotism of the citizens then the whole theory of government has changed, and we will be living under a centralized bureaucracy resting on governing by the army. General Sherman said, 'If it were not for the army the American people would be a mob.' If this is true then the American people are a mob kept in order by the bayonet. The General's views are given for their intrinsic value, and Congress and the country are welcome to make the most of them."

The secretary of the navy, in his recent reply to a resolution of the House of Representatives, making inquiry in relation to hours of labor at navy yards, says men are required to work eight hours per day, but are permitted to work ten, if they desire. They are paid according to the rates fixed for each number of hours. The rule is the same in all the yards.

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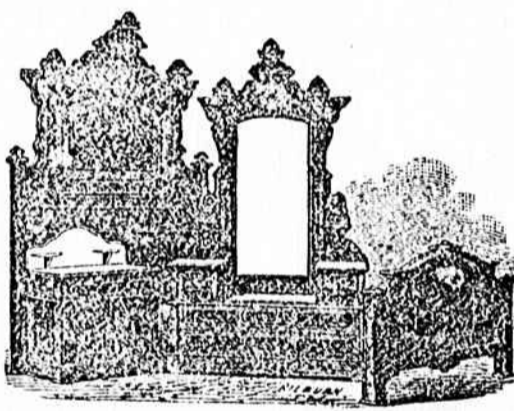
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By order of Town Council: WM. N. CHANDLER, Clerk.

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NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against Jas. R. Aiken, deceased, are hereby requested to present the same, properly attested, on or before the first day of January next. And all persons indebted to Jas. R. Aiken, deceased, are hereby notified to pay up on or before the first day of December next.

H. J. ELLIOTT, Adm. in Intestate.

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