

SECRETARY GAGE ON THE SURPLUS.

Treasury's Chief Calls Attention to Decrease of Expenditures.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Secretary of the Treasury Gage, who is staying a few days at the home of his son in Evans-ton before going to Colorado to spend his vacation, said in regard to the large surplus in the treasury at present:

"The prosperous condition of the country must be most gratifying. The decrease in the expenditures of the government, however, is a salient factor in the increase in the surplus in the last three months. From June 30, 1901, to September 28, the revenue amounted to \$136,000,000. The expenditures during this time were \$121,000,000. This left an excess of nearly \$15,000,000. During the same period in 1900 the receipts were \$139,000,000 and the expenditures the same. Of course, the fact must be taken into consideration that the revenue for the last three months was under the lowered schedule, so that the \$136,000,000 receipts this year represents a larger amount of business transacted than during the same time last year, when the \$139,000,000 was received.

"It was estimated that when the present revised revenue law was put in force on July 1, that the revenue receipts from all sources would fall off some \$40,000,000 by reason of the reductions made. If that had been realized the receipts since that time would have been \$7,500,000 less, or \$128,500,000. Notwithstanding the reduction in taxes, the receipts have diminished by less than \$3,000,000 from what they were a year ago, while the expenditures have decreased by over \$17,000,000 for the same period.

"Up to the present, however, the accumulation of money in the treasury, which would be the natural effect at this time, has been more than over-comed by the purchases of bonds in the open market by the government. During the last three months there have been bought bonds having a face value of \$19,500,000, for which over \$24,000,000 was paid. The actual cash in the treasury has thus been reduced, and the present excess of revenues over expenditures taken care of for the time being."

Strange Story From Canton.

Canton, Ohio, Sept. 29.—A strange story comes from West Lawn Cemetery tonight, where a company of regulars from Fort Wayne, Michigan, are guarding the vault in which the body of the late President William McKinley lies. It is to the effect that the guard on duty on top of the vault fired a shot at one man who refused to heed his challenge, that the shot was diverted by another man, who appeared from another direction, and that an effort was made to stab the guard. Military regulations prevent either the officers or the men of the post from being quoted on any matter connected with their services, and for this reason Capt. Biddle, who is in command, was obliged to decline to be quoted at the camp tonight. He will make a full report to his superiors at once.

Reliable authorities made the following statement:

"Private Depend was on guard duty on top of the vault at a point commanding the entrance below and the approach from the rear. Shortly before 7.30 he saw what he took to be the face of a man peering from behind a tree about forty feet from his post. He watched it for twenty minutes he says, and at 7.45 saw the man hurry to a tree ten feet nearer. He challenged the man to halt, but this was not heeded and the fellow approached nearer. Depend levelled his gun and aimed to shoot for effect, but just at this instant another man, who came towards him from the opposite side, caught the gun, threw it up and the bullet was spent in the air. This same man struck Depend on the right side of the abdomen with a knife or other sharp weapon, cutting an 'L' gash in his overcoat an inch and a half long each way and a small one in his blouse. The flesh was not broken, but was bruised under the cuts in the clothing. Depend in the struggle fell and rolled down the side of the vault. Lieut. Ashbridge, officer of the day, was in front of the vault and rushed to the top on hearing the shot, but the men made good their escape. All members of the company on hearing the shot hurried to the vault and, besides searching the cemetery, the guard was increased.

"Depend is a recruit enlisted in New York about four months ago. He is said to be an excellent soldier and to have a fine record with his officers. He says the man who attacked him was masked, but that the first one he saw was not masked. He says the latter carried a white package in his right hand and something glittered in his left. Since the incident stories have been told in camp of some incendiary conversations overheard in the crowds that have visited the cemetery, including one today alleging that some stranger said:

"Lots of people would like to see this whole thing blown up."

There are seventy soldiers at the cemetery, twenty of whom are constantly on guard duty about the vault and camp.

A Daniel Come to Judgment.

If it is true that Judge O. W. Buchanan will not offer for reelection as judge of the judicial circuit over which he presides at present, the lawyers and interested citizens should see to it that another candidate is in the field, in addition to those already mentioned. For, with all due respect to the gentlemen announced as candidates, we do not think either of them is well qualified for the position of judge. There is a good lawyer in that circuit who would make a good judge, but we doubt if he could be induced to run. This man is Joseph F. Rhame, of Manning. He is a thorough lawyer, a christian gentleman, and would certainly grace the bench of South Carolina.—Bamberg Herald

Disaster to Texas Cotton.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 3.—Agricultural Commissioner Johns stated today that in his opinion the Texas cotton crop this year will fall short at least 800,000 bales from the crop of last season. It is estimated that the crop this year will not exceed 2,335,000 bales, due to the boll weevil and extensive drought in parts of the State.

THE WAR IN PHILIPPINES.

The Process of Benevolent Assimilation a Tough Proposition.

Manila, Sept. 30.—Gen. Hughes, from the Island of Samar, reports the arrival of Sergeant Markley and one private at Tannan (?) from the fight at Balangiga, where over 40 men of Company C, Ninth infantry, were killed by insurgents, who attacked the troops while at breakfast Saturday. The men who have reached Tannan say that the officers of the company, who were at first reported to have escaped, were killed with the majority of the company. The troops were attacked, while unprepared, by 400 Bolomen, of whom the Americans killed about 140. Many of the soldiers were killed in their quarters before they had time to grasp their rifles.

Gen. Hughes is going to the scene of the disaster and will personally command the troops.

A new branch of the Katipunan has been discovered at Tarlac, capital of the province of that name. The object of the society is the slaughter of the whites. Marcelino Mariville, president of Banoang, is the chief of the new branch, which includes numbers of the native constabulary, who were recently armed. One policeman admits that he was taxed a dollar and was ordered to make bolos. A regular collection has been made by the organization from the natives, either by persuasion or threats, and an uprising had been planned for an early date.

The conditions in Tayatas (Tayabas?) and Batangas are not reassuring. The worst form of guerrilla warfare prevails there. The insurgent forces are distributed, under cover, along every road and trail, and wait for travelers in ambush. The insurgent leader, Caballos, who formerly belonged to Gen. Cailles' command, but who refused to surrender with Cailles, is retreating to the mountains. The main forces of the insurgents are scattered in bands over the province, where they dig up rifles when there is an opportunity to use them.

Higher Wages in Fall River.

Fall River, Mass., Oct. 3.—The executive council of the National Federation of Textile Operatives met in this city this afternoon to discuss the action of the local council on the wage question. It was unanimously voted to endorse any action taken by the local council in the matter. It was voted to levy an assessment on all the local unions in the Federation, to be applied to the aid of the local union in its coming fight with the manufacturers. It was also voted to leave the matter of a strike entirely in the hands of the local council.

Representatives of the operatives declare that a strike is inevitable unless the manufacturers post notices of the advance in wages before the operatives leave the mills on Saturday.

Boers Attack British Garrison.

Durham, Sept. 30.—A force of 1,500 Boers, commanded by Gen. Botha, made an attack, which lasted all day long Sept. 26, on Portitola on the border of Zululand. The burghers were finally repulsed but at a heavy cost to the garrison, whose losses were an officer and 15 men killed and 5 officers and 38 men wounded. In addition 63 men are missing, of which number many are believed to have been killed or wounded. The Boer Commandant Opperman and 19 burghers are known to have been killed.

BRITISH SUCCESS.

Ladysmith, Sept. 30.—The British success at Fort Itala is now known to have been greater than was at first reported. Two hundred Boers were killed and more than 300 were wounded or captured.

A Roosevelt Anecdote.

One of the officials of the Southern Inter-State Fair in Atlanta, who knows President Theodore Roosevelt very well, was talking the other day of the personal characteristics of the man who so tragically came to be the chief of this nation.

"We intended to bring Mr. Roosevelt to the Fair in Atlanta at its opening about October 9th," he said, "but the assassination of President McKinley made this impossible." He paused a moment. "You know," he continued, "I used to know Mr. Roosevelt very well, long before he had political aspirations, and in those days there were many humorous stories told of him. One of these, the best I think, was a poker story.

"It seems according to this that Mr. Roosevelt indulged occasionally in the fascinating game of poker. I don't vouch for this. It seems he was sitting in a gentleman's game out West. There were five men at the table, among them one man who had only one eye. After playing a short while Mr. Roosevelt noticed something queer about the playing of the one-eyed stranger. It resembled cheating. He controlled himself for a short while to be absolutely certain of what he suspected, then his ire rose rapidly.

"Gentlemen," he said, as he rose from the table, "I dislike very much to accuse any one at this table of cheating, but there has been cheating, because I have seen it. I won't call any names, but it will have to stop. If the man who is cheating doesn't play a straight game, I'll knock his other eye out."

"It is very rarely that Mr. Roosevelt drops a hint," the Fair official continued, "but when he does it is noticeable. That's the kind of President he will make, I think."

Methodist Statistics.

A report submitted to the international ecumenical conference of the Methodist Church shows that there are 24,899,361 adherents of the Methodist faith. In the western section there are 6,237,361 actual church members and in the eastern 1,221,824. The total valuation of the church property throughout the world is \$80,000,000. There are 89,087 churches and 48,334 ministers. The estimated increase in adherents of the Methodist faith in the last decade is 2,536,938.

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