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Russia has 35,000 soldiers massed at Vladivostok. If Russia keeps out of the present war she will do well.

Secretary Carlisle recently ordered the revenue cutters Grant, at Port Townsend, and the Rush, at San Francisco, to proceed northward in search of nine American vessels which are eleven days overdue from British Columbia ports.

It is only six weeks or so since the Ivanhoe foundered in the Northern Pacific Ocean, and much uneasiness is felt for the safety of the missing vessels.

In the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, the total receipts are given as \$372,802,498.29 and the total expenditures as \$442,605,758.87, the expenditures amounting to \$69,856,360.58 more than the government receipts.

We must admit it to be a little difficult to determine what is true and what false in the foreign dispatches concerning China and Japan. A recent dispatch from our minister at Peking says there is not a word of truth in the printed report that the Empress of China committed suicide after being slapped by his royal nibs, the Emperor.

Dispatches from Minister Denby to the State Department, dated the 21st inst., are to the effect that the Chinese government has finally decided to send two envoys to Japan to treat for peace. Chang Tin Huan and Chao are the dignitaries in whose hands the important matter is entrusted.

Congress having taken the usual holiday adjournment, it has been intimated that many of them will be obliged to go home to crow instead of turkey; but that is nothing more nor less than unadulterated sarcasm.

It is understood from an authoritative source that Governor-elect Hastings has found it necessary to call a halt upon applicants for office and their friends, who have daily been besieging his home at Bellefonte.

He will devote the remainder of the time before inauguration day to preparing his inaugural address and arranging personal and business matters. His time since election day has been given almost exclusively to his friends.

Lawlessness in Indian Territory.

The reign of lawlessness in Indian Territory, which has caused the Interior Department of the United States Government to urge an immediate extension of judicial rule over that region and its reorganization, if possible, recalls the carnival of crime that used to prevail in that equally queer realm of No Man's Land, beyond the Cherokee Strip.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

Extract From Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

On the 1st day of July last the total cash in the Treasury, excluding current liabilities, but including a gold reserve of \$64,873,024, was \$116,626,221; and on the 1st day of November, the total cash, excluding current liabilities, but including \$61,361,826 in gold, was \$106,992,734, showing a decrease of \$9,633,487.

My opinion is that the laws now in force will yield an ample revenue for the fiscal year 1896, as all their provisions will then be operative, and the prospective improvement in the business of the country, if realized, will greatly increase the resources from which taxes are collected, and, accordingly, a surplus of \$28,814,920 is estimated for that year.

Business on the Pacific Coast.

A recent letter from a Philadelphian, now resident on the Pacific coast, has the following interesting information: I have just returned from a trip north through the Puget Sound country. Business matters are very dull there, indeed, but somewhat better than I found last spring, and with more hope with reference to the future.

If we shall be enabled to pay for the silks and tea we buy of the Japanese and Chinese with breadstuffs, petroleum and cottons, the basis for a mutually profitable trade will have been laid.

Just now New York and Philadelphia are indulging in the commendable amusement of calling each other black and unholy. The hard words they say about each other seem to be true to nature.

REVENUE REFORM.

As Suggested in the Annual Report of Secretary Carlisle.

"If this country is to utilize to the fullest extent the opportunities offered by its geographical position, natural resources, and the mechanical skill and commercial enterprise of its people, it must adhere steadfastly and aggressively to the revenue policy inaugurated by the present Congress at its last session.

"For many years our tariff laws have been framed upon the theory that the wealth of the country could be increased by imposing taxes upon the people, and that the prosperity of our industries could be promoted by increasing the cost of production, and the result has been that the net profits of labor and capital constantly diminished until they reached a point which made further development of our resources almost impossible.

"A change was demanded by every consideration of public duty and private interest, and, although the recent legislation did not accomplish all that was expected or desired, it inaugurated a policy which it is hoped and believed will ultimately result in a great improvement in our industrial condition and a corresponding enlargement of our internal and international commerce.

"The raw materials used in the production of commodities for the use of the people in their homes and in their various industrial pursuits should be free from taxation, in order that the burdens of labor may be lightened, the opportunities for employment increased, and the necessities of life made more abundant and less expensive.

"The late act, while it places upon the free list a considerable part of the most important raw materials used in our manufactures, left iron and lead ores and bituminous coal, together with several other articles of less consequence, still dutiable, thus not only failing to present a consistent system of revenue reform, but leaving some of our most valuable industries at a great disadvantage as compared with their rivals differently located.

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J. G. CARLISLE, Secretary of the Treasury.

The Forty-Fourth District Contest. Judges Searle, Archbald and Rice held a meeting at Laporte on the 11th, in the matter of the judicial contest in the Forty-fourth district and decided to proceed.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcrest Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall centre Grand, No. 54, E. of H., on January 14, 1895, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

SPECIAL JURORS.

The following are the names of the jurors drawn for the special term of Common Pleas Court on Jan. 11th, 1895: Benton—H. H. Brown, farmer. Berwick—J. W. Dietterick, gent; S. W. Hess, engineer.

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