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EXPENDITURES ON INDIANS

Over Ten Millions Used in the Fiscal Year Ending July Last—\$3,330,000 for Education.

FUTURE OF THE RED MEN

It is Thought That They Will Never Be Self-Supporting While Rations Are Issued—Ultimate Disposition of the Indian Trust Funds is a Serious Subject for Serious Consideration.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 11.—The total expenditure by the government on account of the Indian service from March 4, 1870, up to and including July 30, 1900, has been \$263,336,217, according to the annual report of commissioner of Indian Affairs William A. Jones. The expenditures for the fiscal year, ending last July, amounted to \$10,175,107. Of this amount, at least \$3,330,000 was devoted to the cause of Indian education. The Indian population of the United States is about 257,000, of which 45,370 receive a daily ration. The rations issued and its ultimate future according to the tribe. Nearly two-fifths of the number receiving rations belong to the great Sioux nation. The rations have been gradually reduced during the past few years. In accordance with policy of the Indian bureau, if the Indians do not claim full rations as a right is conceded, the commissioner predicts that the time when they will be self-supporting lies in the very distant future, if at all. A number of the Indians also are assisting by occasional labor at several agencies, the old and indigent are provided for. These aggregate about 12,576. The commissioner urges that the indiscriminate issue of rations should stop at once. The old and helpless, he says, should be provided for, but rations should be issued to the able-bodied only for labor, while those who have been educated in Indian schools should depend entirely on their own resources. Annuities distributed last year aggregated \$1,907,542, the per capita ranging from \$235 down to 50 cents. The commissioner says that large money payments to the Indians are demoralizing in the extreme. They degrade the Indians and corrupt the white people. They induce pauperism and crime; they nullify the good effects of years of labor. Unscrupulous people induce the Indian to go into debt and then, when the debt has accumulated and the Indian's credit is gone, pressure is brought to bear by the creditors upon the government, which pays the Indian, so that he can pay his "honors" debts. This state of affairs, growing out of this, around some of the agencies, is a scandal and a disgrace.

Prey of Swindlers. "There is now in the treasury to the credit of Indian tribes \$38,708,528.86, drawing interest at the rate of 4 and 1/2 per cent, the annual interest amounting to \$1,646,485.96. Besides this, several of the tribes have large incomes from leasing and other sources. It is a safe prediction that so long as these funds exist they will be the prey of designing people.

The ultimate disposition of the Indian trust funds is a subject for the most serious consideration. In some cases they are small and in others very large. With respect to the former, they can, as a rule, be paid out to the Indians with little, if any, evil consequences. With respect to the latter their proper disposition is more difficult. It is admitted that great wealth is a source of weakness to any Indian tribe and productive of much evil.

Two remedies have been suggested: First, the gradual extinction of these funds, setting aside a sufficient sum to maintain the reservation schools a definite period of years, say twenty-one, and then dividing the balance per capita and paying each member of the tribe at certain ages their share. Second, as a corollary to this, division of the land belonging to the tribe per capita. The remedy proposed would almost invariably immediately release the Indians to poverty, though the remote result might be for them to work to save themselves from actual want.

The general leasing of their allotments by the Indians to white men is denounced. There are 250 Indian schools of all kinds conducted by the government, and an increase of 1,412 pupils in enrollment and 1,142 in average attendance shown over the previous year. About 8,000 of the 34,000 eligible school children are unprovided for.

Indians Not Dying. The report contradicts the commonly accepted theory that by constant contact with the whites the extinction of the Indian is only a matter of time. It says it can be stated with a great degree of confidence that the Indian population of the United States has been very little diminished from the days of Columbus, Coronado, Raleigh, Captain John Smith and other early explorers.

The first reliable Indian census was in 1870 and the population has been nearly stationary since, which whatever increase there is being attributable to Indians becoming citizens.

Reviewing Indian Territory affairs, the report says there are 50,000 children of white parents there who should have schools and that thousands of these children, thus deprived of education, are growing up in vice and ignorance, already feeding the United States jails at Muskogee and other points with youthful criminals. The cost of education will not be excessive compared with results. School benefits also should be extended the 4,293 Choctaw free men. Government control of the schools in the Chickasaw nation is advocated.

INDIANS STARVING.

White Prospectors Kill Off the Game in Alaska.

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MANILA HEARS THE NEWS OF ELECTION

The Intelligence of the Downfall of Bryan Is Received Quietly by the Crafty Tagals.

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LIVE NEWS OF EUROPE

Text of the Understanding Reached by Representatives of Powers Regarding Chinese Settlement.

RUSSIA IS RESTLESS

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Rome, Nov. 11.—The Tribune publishes the following from its Paris correspondent: "The Chinese demands for the withdrawal from power of the emperor are too humiliating to be accepted by the Chinese."

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Nov. 11.—Arrived: La Chanpagne, Havre; Sailed: Bukaria, Hamburg via Cherbourg. Antwerp—Arrived: Nonchalant, New York. Queensstown—Sailed: Umbra (from Liverpool), New York.