

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Review of Operations During Calendar Year 1904.

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Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Treasury Department issued a review of treasury operations for the calendar year 1904.

The Treasury receipts for the calendar year 1904 were \$490,000,000 and the expenditures (including the Panama payment) \$512,000,000—a deficit for the year of \$22,000,000. As compared with the previous calendar year, the receipts show a falling off of \$8,000,000 and the expenditures an increase of \$50,000,000. The decrease in customs receipts was \$50,000,000. Civil and miscellaneous expenditures increased \$15,000,000; War Department, \$30,000,000; Navy Department, \$23,000,000; pensions, \$2,000,000, and interest, \$1,000,000.

The increase in interest is due to the fact that a portion of the interest of 1903 was anticipated in 1902. The figures do not include the postal receipts and expenditures, except that the postal deficit is included in the civil and miscellaneous expenditures.

Imports for the first 11 months of 1904 were \$390,000,000, an increase over the corresponding period in 1903 of \$22,000,000. Imports free of duty for the same period increased \$42,000,000, while dutiable imports decreased \$20,000,000. In 1903 25 per cent of the imports were free duty, while in 1904 47 per cent were free of duty. Practically the entire increase in free imports was in three articles: coffee, india rubber and raw silk.

Imports of dutiable goods decreased \$10,000,000, raw sugar and wool show an aggregating \$28,000,000. All other dutiable imports decreased nearly \$50,000,000. Iron and steel, the two worthy features of the importations in 1904 were seriously hampered by the blizzard.

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According to a rumor in circulation in New York, Governor Odell has abandoned the candidacy of former Governor Black for the Senate and may himself enter the race.

The advance guard of the Southern Educational Association is arriving in Jacksonville, where the convention of the association will begin today.

N. W. Ferris, recent Democratic candidate for governor of Michigan, has advised women voters not to marry until they are able to support a husband.

There was a break of from 30 to 25 points in the New York cotton market. In New Orleans the slump was from 47 to 55 points.

At Buffalo, N. Y., Grace Sullivan, aged 8 years, was accidentally shot and killed by her brother, aged 12 years.

Foreign. Russian Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky has promised a deputation of Jews from Nikolaievsk, who complain that the position of 25,000 of their co-religionists in Kherzon province is jeopardized by the new passport laws, to give the matter his immediate attention.

The British ships Red Rock and Walden Abbey, at Antwerp, destined for San Francisco, broke away from their moorings during a hurricane and collided with and badly damaged the Belgian steamer Sambre.

SHORT ORDER.

Appointments Condensed for Rapid Reading.

Cashier Clyde Lillie and President Travers, of the First National Bank of Cincinnati, O., recently closed, were placed under arrest by United States Deputy Marshal Fanning, of Cleveland. They are charged with violating the national banking laws.

In an address before the American Political Science and Economic Association, in session in Chicago, Edward B. Whitney, of New York, declared that Congress has power to end trusts by prohibiting them from engaging in interstate commerce.

At Denver Chief Justice Gilbert announced the decision of the Supreme Court to grant the petition of Governor-elect Alva Adams for the opening of all ballot-boxes used in Denver at the last election and a full investigation of all frauds.

In Philadelphia a coroner's jury decided that the recent explosion on the battleship Massachusetts was due to the negligence of a boiler-maker. Three deaths resulted.

The latest developments indicate that Mrs. Chadwick's defense will be the insanity plea. She was subjected to the Bertillon measurement.

The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has unanimously elected Secretary Taff as a life member. The honor is rarely conferred.

William J. Moran will make an address at the observance of Gen. U. S. Grant's birthday, on April 27. Stephen Gorrick was arrested in Chicago on the charge of drenching several horses with kerosene and setting them on fire.

The Connecticut Tobacco Growers' Association have protested against the removal of the tariff from Philippine tobacco.

S. W. Jacobs and Charles J. Anden were sentenced to prison in Chicago for promoting wildcat insurance schemes. It has been decided that the city of Chicago is not liable for damages growing out of the Iroquois Theater fire.

Hollis Hall, the historic dormitory on the old campus at Harvard University, was damaged by fire.

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Japanese Charge Through Breaches Made in the Walls by the Terrible Explosions of Dynamite—Possession of Rihlung and Keekwan Forts Enable the Japs to Cut Off Communication Between Ports.

By the capture of Rihlung Mountain, just accomplished by the Japanese at a great sacrifice of life, together with the possession of Keekwan Fort, General Nogi's forces have made an important breach in the fortifications of Port Arthur and cut off communication between the Golden Hill fort and the forts of the western section of the inner circle. The Japanese can now prevent the Russian second Pacific Squadron making any use of Port Arthur harbor.

The Russian War Office contends, however, that the occupation of Rihlung Mountain at the best only makes the Japanese masters of the entire terrace beyond the principal forts of Keekwan and still leaves the main line unbroken.

A desperate battle Wednesday night preceded the capture of Rihlung Mountain. The Japanese casualties numbered 1,000. Seven mines were exploded, making breaches in the wall, through which the Japanese charged.

A list of casualties, presumably at Port Arthur, announced at Tokio, shows that 49 officers from the rank of colonel downward, were killed, and 58 from colonel downward were wounded.

The Russians, with heavy field guns, bombarded the Shukhe River bridge. Russian cavalry attacked Heilintun, but were repulsed by Japanese cavalry.

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Headquarters of the Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, via Fusan—Rihlung Fort has been captured at the cost of 1,000 Japanese troops. Seven dynamite mines exploded at 10 o'clock, making breaches in the front wall, through which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A terrific fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped.

Tokio.—After months of fighting, sapping and mining, the Japanese forces finally occupied Rihlung Mountain. A report received from headquarters of the Third Japanese Army before Port Arthur received here on Wednesday, December 28, at midnight, says:

"On Wednesday, December 28, at 10 o'clock in the morning, the left center column of our army, following some heavy explosions on the frontal parapet of Rihlung Mountain, charged and occupied the parapet under cover of fire from heavy guns and constructed defense works, despite the enemy's fierce fire.

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Rihlung Fort, situated on Rihlung Mountain, formed part of the inner circle of the chain of forts defending Port Arthur. Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the town of Port Arthur, from which it bears due northeast. The fort just captured is a mile and a half southeast of Keekwan Fort, recently captured by the Japanese.

The possession of these two forts should make a most important breach in the fortifications of Port Arthur and cut off communication between the Golden Hill fort and the forts of the western section of the inner circle of fortifications.

Outside of the capture of 203-Meter Hill, on the western section of forts, little is known of the exact positions occupied by the Japanese, but it would seem from the material available that the inner circle of forts is now cut in three pieces, and that 203-Meter Hill prohibits communication with the Liaotei section forts just as possession of Rihlung and Keekwan Forts cut off communication with the Golden Hill fort, except by the many underground ways which are said to exist in various parts of the fortress.

Guilty of Murder. Crookston, Minn. (Special).—Joseph Guinette, of Woonsocket, R. I., was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Mathias Mongeon, whose home, it is believed, was in Ontario, Canada. The crime was committed on October 17 last. The men, who had just returned from the harvest fields, were thought to have quarreled over the earnings of the past summer. The victim was shot and his head was crushed with some blunt instrument. The body was then dragged to some underground and was not found until sometime later.

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John Schreck, aged 42, and his son Roy, aged 18, of Lancaster, were arrested and committed to jail, but being refused. They are charged with assaulting two 15-year-old girls, Maggie Miller and Virginia Steele. The girls were going to Miss Miller's home, near a lively stable where the Schrecks were employed, when it is alleged, they were stopped and enticed into the stable. Miss Miller fought desperately, defending herself with a tautpin. After escaping they hurried to Miss Miller's home, and the mother swore out warrants.

Since the Pottstown School Board referred to a committee the proposition that local graduation classes wear caps and gowns in the future the directors have been besieged by the high school girls with pleas for clemency. Told away anything but the dresses, say the girls. They will agree to lay the axe to fancy and expensive invitations, cards, programs and orchestras, but caps and gowns are too much.

The Old York Road Fire Company, of Elkins Park, has purchased a large lot on Montgomery avenue, at that place, on which a building will be erected in the Spring. The firehouse will be three stories in height, and in addition to the rooms for the storage of the apparatus there will be a poolroom, a reading room and a large hall, which can be used for social purposes.

While a trolley car was passing Supervisor Frank Tracey's farm, in Flynn-ton Township, just outside Conshohocken, the high wind unroofed his barn, hurling the roof on top of the car, which contained a dozen passengers. The crash resulted in the deaths of three persons, and the injuries of several others. Instantly there was the greatest excitement among the passengers and trolley crew. The trolley pole was knocked off the wire and darkness added to the terror and perplexity of the passengers.

The County Commissioner of Lancaster accepted \$40,000 from the bondsmen of ex-county Treasurer E. H. Hershey, who defaulted in the amount of \$65,079.41. All claims against the bondsmen are settled by the payment. From the \$100,000 bondsman \$124,450 has been recovered and the county will lose only \$6,849.44 by the Hershey defaultation. The acceptance of the money was advised owing to litigation now pending in the estate of several of the bondsmen.

Beachman Brown, a negro, was arrested charged with having shot his father-in-law, Mead Francis, in a row in his home in Chester. Francis was taken to the Chester Hospital, where it was found that he had a bullet wound in the right thigh. Brown was held without bail to await the result of Francis' injuries.

Robert Reber accidentally shot his friend, John Richards, in Frackville. The young men were buying Christmas presents when the accident occurred. The ball entered Richards' forehead and came out at the back of the skull. He died at the Mimers' Hospital and before expiring said he forgave Reber, as the affair was purely accidental.

Mary Scheivert, a 17-month-old girl of Hanover, has the distinction of receiving a Christmas gift from her great-grandmother. The chain of five generations is made up as follows: Mrs. Mathias Myers, great-grand-grandmother, aged 93, of Jefferson, Pa.; Henry Snyder, daughter of Mrs. Myers, 66 years old, of New Simsbury, N.Y.; Levi Albright, daughter of Mrs. Snyder, aged 45 years, of Hanover; Mrs. Frank Scheivert, daughter of Mrs. Albright, 21 years of age, of Hanover; and finally Mary Scheivert, great-grand-grandchild, the ground that they were undesirable

The blowing out of the cylinder head of an engine in the Chelsea Jute Mills, in Brooklyn, caused a small-sized panic among 1,200 young women employed there.

Attorney General Moody began a suit in St. Paul, Minn., on behalf of the United States government against the General Paper Company under the Anti-trust Act.