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GUARDSMEN TO FIRE BIG GUNS

Capt. George K. Larrison, commanding the 1st Company, Coast Artillery, National Guard, announced Thursday that his men will engage in the regular service target practise next summer, recommendation to this effect having been made by the inspector that recently watched them at work. This will mean that the guard artillerymen will be required to fire the same number of shots on the scheduled time of regulars in the coast artillery corps. Members of the company are anxious to try their skill against the regulars and the announcement will be greeted with enthusiasm. According to the usual custom the practise will be held this summer, probably in July.

Fort Shafter Notes

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondent)
Capt. Paul S. Reincke, 1st Lieut. Robert G. Guyer and Robert A. Sharer, Corps of Engineers, have been appointed as members of a board of officers to examine into and report on the loss of property of certain men of D Company, 3rd Regiment Engineers.

An examination of majors, captains and first lieutenants of the regular army, it is announced at Fort Shafter, will be held in the Hawaiian Department Headquarters, at 8 a. m., May 10, 1917, or as soon as possible thereafter, to determine their fitness to be selected to fill the vacancies in the grade of major in the judge advocate general department.

1st Lieut. Frederick A. Barker, 2nd Infantry, has been relieved as officer in charge of the detachment of troops in the quarantine camp, and 1st Lieut. Lester D. Baker, 2nd Infantry, has been detailed as the officer in command of the camp.

THIS WAS PAY DAY FOR MEN OF PROVOST GUARD

Companies of the provost guard encamped at the Capitol grounds were paid today, forming in lines in front of the quartermaster's office across the street from their camp.

Troops at Fort Shafter were paid yesterday but owing to the present "war" conditions probably Honolulu did not see the usual crowd of paid ones on the streets last night.

Maj. W. B. Cochran, commanding the provost guard, reported this morning that nothing out of the ordinary occurred for the watchmen during the night.

MIDKIFF AND M'GREW AIDES TO GEN. JOHNSON

First Lieut. Frank E. Midkiff and 2nd Lieut. Royald McGrew were named through National Guard orders today as aides to Brig-Gen. Samuel I. Johnson. This will be in addition to their other duties.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES

Changes No. 18, uniform regulations, prescribe a new arrangement of insignia on the collar of the shirt when the coat is not worn. The letters "T. H." and the insignia of rank will be worn on the right side of the collar, the letters being placed one inch from end of collar. The insignia of corps or arm of service will be worn on the left side of the collar.

For brigadier-generals of the line the letters "T. H." and one silver star, point up, will be worn on both sides of the collar.

A limited number of despatch cases are now available, and will be issued on requisition to brigade and regimental adjutants, inspectors-general, and the property and disbursing officer for the United States.

All officers of the National Guard should carefully study the provisions of G. O. No. 4, AGO, T. H., current series, descriptive of the new method of property accountability. It is important that the system be put in effect as soon as possible, and every officer of the National Guard should familiarize himself with the methods described therein.

ARMY NOTES

So much of Special Orders No. 220, these headquarters, 1916, as relates to Sgt. Clarence M. Layton, Battery F, 9th Field Artillery, is amended to show him as a qualified expert first-class gunner with rating in the subject of indirect laying of 24, and total rating of 100.

HAS GOOD TURNOUT

With more than 200 men present last night in the armory, the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry, National Guard, under Maj. Gustave Ross had an enthusiastic gathering that promises well for the attendance of its four companies during the present half-year. A good attendance is also reported by the 1st Battalion for the previous evening.

CHANGE ARMY OFFICES

The constructing quartermaster's office was moved today from the old location on Hotel street to the new one in a naval warehouse near the waterfront. The paymaster's office will move into that vacated by the constructing quartermaster's department.

Because of the inability of Adjt-Gen. George M. Cole to secure medical officers for the First Connecticut Ambulance Company, located in Hartford, the organization will be transferred to Bridgeport and reorganized.

PRIMARY LAW IS DISAGREED ON

In local political circles it appears that opinions are about evenly divided over the question that has been raised relative to doing away with the direct primary and returning to the old convention system, details of the proposal having been published in Thursday's Star-Bulletin.

With a view to obtaining individual opinions on the proposal, the Star-Bulletin today interviewed several legislators, including Senator-Elect M. C. Pacheco, Democrat; Representative-Elect Lorrin Andrews, Republican; Representative-Elect James K. Jarrett, Republican; Senator-Elect Charles Chillingworth and Senator-Elect A. L. Castle, Republican.

They expressed the following views: Lorrin Andrews: The platform of the Republican party under which I was elected stood for the continuation of the direct primaries. Under that platform I do not see how any Republican can vote to repeal the law without violating his party pledge.

J. K. Jarrett: I am absolutely in favor of the continuation of the direct primary. Under the convention system there was engineered a proposition that I would call bossism, and that demonstrated in the Frear-Kuhio mix-up some years ago, that the convention system of nominating absolutely placed all the power in the hands of a few.

Charles Chillingworth: I am not in a position to express any definite view at the present time. We have argued it for a long time, however, and the main objection to the primary seems to be the fact that under the system it is virtually impossible to get representative men, like Judge Hatch, for instance, to have their names put up at the primaries. If this condition could be overcome I do not believe a change in the system would be necessary.

A. L. Castle: I do not think that the direct primary has been a success. It has meant too much campaigning, to begin with, and too much time given to political affairs. It means two primaries and two elections in one biennial period instead of only one. The system also keeps good men from running. Businessmen who might find time to go into the campaign would naturally run in the convention, but would not get out and campaign for themselves. From a political point of view the system tends to destroy party organization. There is a tendency on the part of some people not to join precinct clubs and to keep out of politics as much as possible.

M. C. Pacheco. The Democratic party is in favor of the direct primary. We feel that the law has not been given a thorough try-out and to condemn it at this time would be to go back to a system that has proved to be unrepresentative of the wishes of the people. The Democratic platform favors the direct primary law, and although it has been discussed to some extent by the Oahu delegation, the Democratic members have not entered into a discussion as we are pledged to stand by the law.

MARY GARDEN'S VOICE HEARD BY HOBOES

CHICAGO, Ill.—Mary Garden's high-priced voice warbled free for a thousand homeless men at the international Hobo College here the other night. "Carmen." "Comin' Through the Rye" and others started the men to stamping and the tears to flowing.

Then from the back of the room came a call for the "Marseillaise." Miss Garden and Hector Dumesne, the tenor, sang the stirring battle song of France.

As Miss Garden made her way toward the door, a gray-haired vagabond seized her hand and, remembering that once in the long ago he had gone to college, started to make a speech.

"By the eternal gods," he began hopefully, and then began all over again in Latin. "Per Deus eternus—etern, etern—you're a darn good singer," he finished lamely. "That's the finest compliment I've had this season," cried Miss Garden, and her audience cheered until the building rang.

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BURIAL OF DEAD BOTHERS BRITISH

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Eng.—A new public danger threatens the country in the difficulties of burying the dead. It is caused by the scarcity of undertakers, coffinmakers and grave-diggers and has resulted in delaying funerals for days, a condition which if aggravated by an epidemic would become very serious. To forestall that danger and also to remedy the present situation compulsory cremation is being advocated.

The tribunals which sit in all parts of the country and hear appeals for exemption from military service have pressed into military service every man whose work is not indispensable to the existence of the nation. The result is that they have "combed out" the undertaking trade and taken most of the skilled grave-diggers for another sort of digging.

It seems also that the shortage of coffins is country-wide. The head of the largest undertaking firm in London, which used to turn out between 600 and 700 coffins a week, says that to add to the difficulties the railroad authorities have made a new regulation that nothing is to be sent over 112 pounds by passenger train. This means that coffins, with a few exceptions, will have to be shipped on freight trains. "Bodies," he said, "are waiting at every London station for hours for lack of labor to fetch them away." The Daily Mail has taken the lead

in the campaign for cremation. It also sees a danger in too many cemeteries. "This reform of funeral procedure is long overdue," says the paper. "It will have to extend at once to compulsory cremation, and eventually to the wider and even more important consideration of the ever-growing encroachment of cemeteries upon and needed for building or agriculture."

The New York Churchmen's Association adopted a resolution calling upon the churches of the country, the labor unions and all lodges and organizations to observe Washington's Birthday, February 22, as a day of protest against the deportation of Belgian workmen.

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