

WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, 1907.

OFFICIAL ACTION IN THE ARMY AND NAVY

Preparing for Joint Artillery Drills.

Brig. Gen. Murray, chief of artillery, has requested the adjutant general to instruct the commanding officers of the artillery districts where joint drills are to be held next summer with state militia to put themselves into direct communication with the state authorities with a view to ascertaining the details of their plans and to render them such assistance as may be practicable in connection with arrangements for transporting, encamping, subsistence, instructing and returning to their homes in safety after the exercises such troops as may participate therein. Gen. Murray further says: "It is requested that the artillery district commanders may be instructed also to keep the War Department informed in regard to all these details by correspondence by regular channels, and that they also be instructed to prepare and submit through military channels a program of the coast defense exercise which it is proposed to carry out in their respective districts with the assistance of the state troops. This program should enumerate the best available for simulated naval attack and should include the attack and the defense of the land approaches of the coast." "To those states which have a state naval militia an effort should be made by artillery district commanders, by direct arrangement with state authorities, to have the militia participate in joint exercises, and to arrange with the commanding officers thereof for the simulated naval attacks on the forts."

In view of the limited time before the exercises, Gen. Murray urges expedition in executing this suggestion.

Vigilance in Target Practice.

Major Gen. Grant, commanding the Department of the East, which includes all posts in this vicinity, has issued a circular in regard to the necessity for care and vigilance in the supervision of target practice. "In view," says Gen. Grant, "of the approaching season for record practice with small arms in this department, it must be observed that a correct record of the firing may be secured, and that the increased pay allowed for superior skill shall be an honorable distinction as well as a desirable incentive for those who attain the proper classification, the attention of regimental and post commanders, as well as all company officers, is directed to the necessity for the exercise of the greatest care and vigilance in the supervision of target practice. The rules governing record practice must be observed with the strictest impartiality; scores must be correctly recorded; work in the pit conducted with the highest efficiency. Post commanders will impress upon company officers the necessity of rigidly complying with the spirit and requirements of the small arms firing regulations and of taking such other special precautions as may be found necessary to see that the marking and scoring of their organizations are correct. Before the record practice of the year is held, post commanders will assemble all company officers and instruct them in detail concerning this practice and the rules governing it."

Appointed to West Point Academy.

President Roosevelt's recent appointments to the United States Military Academy, an exception of ten principals are sons of army officers. The exception is Donald W. Fraser, son of Sgt. John Fraser of the 97th Company, Coast Artillery, at Fort Adams, Newport, R. I., a young soldier who has had twenty-six years' continuous service in the army. The son is nineteen years old, a native of Fort Trumbull, Connecticut, and received his education in the public schools of Newport and is a member of the senior class in the Rogers High School.

To Conduct National Rifle Match.

Lieut. Col. Robert K. Evans, 5th Infantry, at Jefferson barracks, St. Louis, will be the executive officer of the national match at Camp Perry, Ohio, in August. The officers who will serve with him will be designated later. It has been decided to permit the use of machine-loaded ammunition made in the United States at the matches. Major D. C. Shanks, 4th Infantry, will be captain of the infantry team and Capt. William H. Hay, 10th Cavalry, will be captain of the cavalry team.

Contracts for Target Shells.

The Navy bureau of ordinance has made contracts with the Pirth-Stirling Steel Company at Galesburg, D. C., for 600 six-inch target shells at \$12 each, 400 eight-inch target shells at \$29 each, 1,000 eight-inch target shells at \$29 each and 1,000 twelve-inch target shells at \$75 each.

The Chicago Training Station.

The bureau of navigation has called for bids for extensive construction work at the new naval training station at North Chicago, Ill., to be opened May 1. It is undecided whether a contract will be made for the entire work or for separate structures. It is believed, however, that the contract will be made in two or three lots, totaling nearly two million dollars. The work will be under the supervision of Capt. Albert Ross, who is the commanding officer of the station.

Lieut. Johnston's New Duties.

Lieut. Rufus Z. Johnston, a valuable officer of the bureau of navigation, Navy Department, and the recorder of the board of construction, will soon report for duty on the battleship Minnesota, built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. The Minnesota will shortly make a shakedown cruise along the Atlantic coast and then join the Atlantic fleet in Hampton Roads during the Jamestown exposition.

Midshipman Sherman's Case.

Midshipman E. B. Sherman of the class of 1884 of the Naval Academy, graduated in the class of 1890, and was assigned to Gen. Bragg of Wisconsin, has resigned his commission. Sherman should have had his commission as ensign in 1906, but it was held up on account of unfavorable cruise reports. This case is the only one under the new rule requiring a high standard of efficiency during the two years the midshipman spends at sea after leaving the Naval Academy and preceding his appointment as an ensign.

Troops Going to Honolulu.

A battalion of the 20th Infantry now stationed at the Presidio of Monterey, Cal., will be transferred to the station at Honolulu, relieving a battalion of the 10th Infantry, consisting of Companies I, K, L and M, which will join the remainder of the regiment in Alaska. Two battalions of the 10th Infantry have been stationed in Alaska for two years and the War Department officials think that not less than a full regiment should serve in Alaska.

Retirement of Capt. Folwell.

Capt. William B. Folwell, 18th Infantry, having been found by an army retiring board incapacitated for active service on account of disability incident thereto, has been placed on the retired list. Capt. Folwell is from Michigan and was first lieutenant of the 14th Minnesota Infantry during the Spanish war. In July, 1898, he was appointed second lieutenant 1st Regular Infantry and reached the grade of captain in August, 1903.

Department Sustained Chaplain.

The Secretary of the Navy has found it necessary to reprimand an officer in command of a United States warship for alleged interference with a chaplain in the conduct of religious services on the ship. The chaplain complained that he had been impeded in his labors by the commanding officer, and that on more than one occasion he had been obliged to abandon the religious services contemplated because the men were required to do work which, according to the chaplain, might just as well have been postponed. The authorities at the Navy Department carefully considered the complaint and the chaplain's rejoinder, and sustained the chaplain. The letter which was sent from the department to the commanding officer stated that the recipient that he should aid a chaplain in every way possible, and that there should be no interruption of religious services excepting, of course, in times of emergency.

Three Warships Condemned.

Three old vessels of the navy have been condemned for naval purposes and will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. These are the wooden bark Marion, built at Kittery, Me., in 1871, and recently used by the navy for the purpose of testing the wooden sloop Keystone State, formerly the St. Louis, built at Washington, D. C., in 1828, and recently used by the navy as a cruise to Honolulu, Midway and Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, and the Keystone State is at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia.

Punished for Being Absent.

Private William Rogers, hospital corps, stationed at Washington barracks, was convicted by court-martial of being absent without leave and sentenced to forfeit \$30 of his pay and to confinement at hard labor for one month.

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Columbia to Go Out of Commission.

Orders have been issued for the cruiser Columbia, now at Havana, to proceed to the League Island navy yard, to be placed out of commission.

Long Cruises of Warships.

The Navy Department is informed that the gunboat Annapolis, which has just been overhauled at the navy yard, Mare Island, Cal., has sailed from San Francisco on a cruise to Honolulu, Midway and Tutuila, Samoa. The Annapolis will remain at Tutuila as station ship, relieving the old wooden cruiser Adams, which has been ordered to proceed to the New York navy yard by way of the Indian Ocean and Mediterranean sea. It is probable that the Adams will be fitted out for the use of the naval militia.

To Occupy New War College.

The army war college board and the third division of the general staff will move in June next from their present quarters on Jackson place to Washington barracks, where the army war college building is located. Lieut. Col. William W. Wotherpoon, acting president of the war college, will continue in that capacity indefinitely. The officers of the college, including the present class, will remain on duty with the institution until the 1st of October.

Parker Budget & Co. Authorities on Correct Dress. NEW YORK. Women's Section. PARIS.

Special Sale Sample Suits. \$29.50 to \$37.50 Values at \$19.50.

We were fortunate to collect from several of New York's best makers about 35 Tailor-made Suits, which sell regularly at from \$29.50 to \$37.50, at a price which enables our selling them for \$19.50. There are one or two of a kind in the lot in Eton and Coat Styles—of Panamas, Serges, Checks and Stripes, in black, navy and white ground fabrics. The styles are not such as ordinarily obtain at this price, but are high-class and distinctive.

Several New Models in Tailor-Made Suits Just Received, \$35.00.

Among them is a reproduction of a late foreign model—a natty fancy coat effect, made of fine men's wear serges, also beautiful light-colored fabrics. The original model commanded \$85.00.

Modish Rajah Suits.

The scarcest material in the market today is Rajah Sikk. We were fortunate to obtain enough of this modish material to have made up special for us a number of suits; plain tailor-made double-breasted coat effect, satin duchesse lined, trimmed with panne velvet—one of the newest forty-pleated skirt styles, in black, white, jasper, blue and natural pongee.

Special Price, \$45.00. Value, \$60.00.

Top Coats of Covert. Special offering of Fine English Covert Cloth Top Coats, made in the latest tailored effects—silk lined throughout. Several styles from which to select. \$35.00 value at \$21.50.

Parker Budget & Co. Head-to-Foot Outfitters. Penna. Ave. and 9th St.

Business and Investment Properties. D street n.w., north side, near 7th, 42x106 to alley, warehouse on rear; rent, \$1,920 per annum. Price, \$25,000. F street n.w., north side, near 7th, 28x121 four-story building, well built; rent, \$1,680 per annum. Price, \$27,500. G street n.w., near 7th, 3-story building; rent, \$900 per annum. Price, \$15,000. G street n.w., near 9th, rent, \$1,200 per annum; trust, \$12,000. Price, \$18,500. G street n.w., near 12th, 2 1/2 feet front; rent, \$125 per mo. Price, \$32,500. H street n.w., corner, near 10th, 3-story building, good size lot. Price, \$12,000. H street n.w., opposite "The Shoreham," 4-story building, 25 feet front; renting now for \$1,000 per annum. Price, \$70,000. 7th street n.w., west side, near L street, 4-story building; rent, \$4,800 per annum; tenant makes all repairs. Price, \$70,000. 7th street n.w., corner, near G street, 4-story store and office buildings; rent, \$4,200 per annum. Price, \$70,000. 7th street n.w., near H street, west side; rent, \$1,800. Price, \$32,500. 9th street n.w., west side, near D street, 3-story, well-built brick; can rent for \$150 per month. Price, \$30,000. 9th street n.w., near F street; rent, \$1,800 per annum. Price, \$35,000. 9th street n.w., near E street, 20x107 to 30-foot alley, 4-story building, covering entire lot. Price, \$40,000. 9th street n.w., corner, below H street, large lot, good buildings. Price, \$125,000. 10th street n.w., below Penn. ave., 3-story store, warehouse and elevator. Price, \$15,000. 10th street n.w., west side, bet. D and E sts., 25x100; rent, \$1,250. Price, \$25,000. 11th street n.w., below F st., 25x100; well built. Price, \$25,000. 11th street n.w., near G st., 40x100 to an alley; 2 good buildings; rent at present, \$125 per month. Price, \$40,000. 12th street n.w., near E and Penn. ave.; store and apartments; rent, \$150 per month. Price, \$20,000. 12th street n.w., west side bet. G and H sts.; 4-story, well-built building; can rent for \$2,000 per annum. Price, \$35,000. 14th street n.w., west side near S st., store and dwelling; renting for \$90 per month. Price, \$8,250. 14th street n.w., corner store and dwelling; well-built property; 3 story and cellar; rent, \$1,000 per annum. Price, \$16,000. Corner on 25th street n.w., being repaired; can get licenses. Price, \$2,500. Store and dwelling, northeast; grocery, feed and coal business; large lot; good building. Price, \$1,500. Can exchange 6 court houses near 9th and M streets n.w., and pay cash for business property. Can exchange a corner lot, 300x200, on Washington Heights, for investment properties. Can exchange equity in an apartment house for large F street properties. Northwest corner on Massachusetts avenue, opposite New Union Station. The best site in that section for stores or hotel. Corner on 9th street near G: 15,000 square feet land. Price now, \$6,000 sq. ft.

MONEY TO LOAN. In sums from \$1,000 to \$50,000, on first-trust improved property. Every possible consideration shown borrowers, and no unnecessary charges. We collect rents and make no repairs to property without consent of owner. Fire insurance placed in reliable companies and renewed at our expense, so that policies cannot lapse. We want a builder with some funds to handle a subdivision in a built-up section of the Northwest. We furnish the land and two-thirds of money for houses.

THE HARRISON REALTY CO., 907 G St. N. W. 'Phones.

Blundon, O'Brien & Belt, Inc., 1220 G St. N. W. Don't Delay--"Get In" On This Deal. 1744 to 54 T Street N. W. EXCEPTIONALLY DESIRABLE NEW RESIDENCES. The Cut of \$500 in price (\$7,500 to \$7,000) has caused the prompt SALE OF THREE MORE. Several of the best left. Open Sunday and Week Days. Easy to Buy. The Reduction in Price of these above-the-average houses at a time when values here are obviously increasing by reason of the recent numerous sales of ground in the close vicinity to certain millwrights, some of whom have begun the erection of what will be the most palatial residences in the city, would not seem wise for the present owner, but nevertheless quite opportune for the buyer. The owner has obligated himself to undertake another project which necessitates a prompt cash outlet—hence the houses are OFFERED AT COST. The Houses make up the most attractive dissimilar row in the city. The interiors have drawing room, library, dining room, parlor and kitchen on first floor, all finished in highly polished hardwood. Four bedrooms and tiled bath on second floor. Two bedrooms on third floor. Central entrance, back gateway, servants' toilet, two-story rear porch, concrete cellar, guaranteed heating plant, mirror mantels, exquisite papering and decorations. Wide, deep lot to public alley.

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We Will Trust You. Your chance for a home, if never before. Write for Free Booklet. Information furnished. Jenkins & Higdon, Room 73, Home Life Building, Washington, D. C. Care of Valley Realty Company. SPECIAL. This is my latest and best bargain in a suburban home. Think of 1 1/2 six room house; reception hall, concrete cellar; chicken house; pure clear water; large lots, 50 by 150 each; only 2 squares from electric cars; home cost \$1,000 to build. All for \$1,500. LEWIS R. DIEHL, 1116 F St. N. W.

14th St. Heights. Lots and Houses. Sold on the time-payment plan. This pretty subdivision is located just north of the city, and is now rapidly being improved. All improvements free of cost to purchasers, such as water, sewer, gas and granolithic sidewalks. Let our salesmen call and show you this property and submit plans for building a home on the monthly payment plan. G. C. SPITZER, OWNER AND EXCLUSIVE AGENT, Home Life Building, 15th & G N. W. Phone 3850.

For Rent--- "The Nantucket," 1418 W St. N. W. TWO very desirable apartments of 4 AND 5 rooms and bath; all outside rooms. This building is new and location is most desirable. Rent is very reasonable at \$30.50 AND \$40.00. Open for inspection all times. B. F. SAUL CO., 7th and L Sts. N. W.

FLOWER STAND. Is of Three Shelves Attached to the Outside Window Frame. Another week or so will find amateur gardeners digging up the lawn, overhauling old flower pots and preparing flower boxes for the window and porch. The beauty of window boxes and flower stands has never been fully recognized, but they are now growing in popularity. An entirely new arrangement of flower stands has been patented by an Illinois man, but the construction being exceedingly simple, it requires little skill to make one. As shown in the illustration, this flower stand is attached to the outside of the window frame. Three shelves, arranged equal distances apart, are supported by iron brackets at each side. The side frames are inclined, so that the foliage of flowers on the lower shelf will not touch the shelf above. The three shelves thus afford a support for over a dozen pots of flowers, where formerly the flower lover was limited to less than a half dozen. The city of Berlin has appropriated \$12,000 for experiments with automobile fire engines. Two such apparatus will be purchased, one propelled by electricity and the other by gasoline, and the two will be subjected to daily tests under the same conditions, and in this manner it is hoped to arrive at the respective merits of each system. Berlin now spends about \$62,000 per year in horses for the fire department.

Two Lost Their Lives. Fire Destroyed Spice Mills and Other Buildings. Special Dispatch to The Star. SAUGUS, Mass., April 6.—Michael Desmond and Oscar Ellis, both residents of Malden, lost their lives in a fire that totally destroyed the Slade spice mills and three other buildings early this morning. The fire started in the spice mills and spread from there to the storehouse and a variety store on the same side of the street and then spread across the street to a shoe factory. The upper floor of the shoe factory was occupied as a dwelling by Mrs. John Freeman, and she and her four children were carried down the ladders by the firemen. In the rear of the variety store, John Murphy, the proprietor, lay ill in bed, and his presence there was not known until the building was partially burned. The two firemen, John Hutchins and Frank Pike, carried him out on his blazing bed. Saugus has no steam fire engine, and it was found necessary to call upon Lynn for aid. The fire was caused by an explosion of spice, which blew out the entire front of the building. The loss was estimated at about \$90,000. Uneasy Over Bishop Whitaker. PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—Right Rev. Osi W. Whitaker, Protestant Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania, who has been seriously ill at his home in this city with intercostal neuralgia, was reported last night to be improved. While his physicians do not fear of the ultimate recovery of the aged bishop, still they are uneasy over his unimproved, restless day. Bishop Mackay-Smith is in charge of diocesan affairs during the illness of Bishop Whitaker.

Naval Officers. Commander W. B. Caperton, from duty as inspector in charge of fifteenth light-house district, St. Louis, Mo., to command the Denver. Commander J. C. Colwell, from command of the Denver, April 20, 1907, to home and wait orders. Commander C. F. Hughes, from the command of the Potomac and resume duties on the Washington. Lieut. Commander H. George, to the navy yard, New York, N. Y. Lieut. I. C. Gay, to charge of the navy recruiting station, Minneapolis, Minn. Lieut. I. C. Wetengel, from charge of the navy recruiting station, Minneapolis, to the Minnesota. Surgeon C. D. Langhorn, from United States naval medical school hospital, Washington, D. C., to the navy yard, Washington, D. C. Past Asst. Surg. R. E. Riggs, from naval station, Port Royal, S. C., to the Texas. Assistant Surgeon R. G. Heiner from navy yard, Washington, D. C., to course of instruction at the United States naval medical school, Washington, D. C. Assistant Paymaster F. H. Atkinson, from lieutenant of supplies and accounts, Navy Department, to the navy yard, League Island, Pa. Boatstain J. Ebermine, to the Pensacola, naval training station, San Francisco, Cal.