

ALGER'S ANSWER TO REPORT

Response to the Army Board Queries Unsatisfactory.

ANOTHER REPORT NEEDED

Main Points at Issue Not Met by the Secretary in His Answer to the Board's Series of Questions Regarding the Abuses Complained of by Soldiers.

Secretary Alger has sent an answer to the War Investigating Commission which, in the words of one of the Commissioners, "does not answer."

"In the first place," said this Commissioner, "we asked who had been influential in selecting the camp sites. The only answer vouchsafed is that Gen. Leo selected the camp at Jacksonville. I do not think any other camp is mentioned. But this omission will, no doubt, be remedied in the supplemental report for which we will call on Secretary Alger."

Secretary Alger's report includes about three thousand words, and, in addition to the Jacksonville camp matter, covers only these points: The selection of Tampa as a point of embarkation; Rear Admiral Sampson's dispatch the cause of the subsequent delay of the troops; the decision of these dispatches; the report.

No attempt seems to have been made to explain the causes of the hardships suffered by the soldiers in Tampa. The matter is brushed aside with a few sentences in the facile rhetoric that Tampa was considered a good location and the most convenient point of embarkation.

Disposed to Blame the Navy. "What we want to know," said the Commissioner, "is why those men suffered, if they did suffer, unnecessarily. We get no sufficient answer in the report. The defense of Secretary Alger is logically this:

"First, Sampson hurried us up; therefore, we did not have time to prepare. Second, Rumey immediately delayed us with ghost stories of a spook fleet; therefore, the men were not packed in the transports from the 14th to the 18th of June, and thus were debilitated from a cause over which the War Department has no control. The Rear Admiral Sampson's dispatch, in which he said, on June 7, that with 10,000 men he could take Santiago in forty-eight hours, has already been made public.

Gen. Shafter said, on June 8, that he would go the following day. He did not go, but sent a message to the effect that he would go the following day. The delay on the alleged spook fleet of the 14th of June, and the fact that the men were not packed in the transports from the 14th to the 18th of June, and thus were debilitated from a cause over which the War Department has no control.

Operations of Colonel Hecker. It is estimated that the second Porto Rican expedition would have cost the Government \$12,000,000, and this expedition was abandoned half an hour after the alarm given by the Roosevelt round robin. Col. Hecker had been busy with traffic managers and railroad experts. He it was who had camp infected soldiers 700 miles, when the steamer, which had been recommended by Gen. Wilson, was the direct route to Porto Rico.

Col. Hecker will be one of the most interesting witnesses to be heard by the Commission. He has been a strange figure in and out of the War Department lobby. He is dear to Secretary Alger's heart, and the Commission will hear from him as a State Duffield and Shafter.

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THE OMAHA EXPOSITION

Two Distinguished Parties Leave Washington.

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