

BRAVE MEN TO LEAD.

PICKED FIELD OFFICERS FOR THE NEW REGIMENTS.

Soldiers Who Won Spurs in Cuba and the Philippines—A Few Civil War Veterans Still Wielding the Sword—Gallant Deeds Rewarded.

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WHEN the Spanish war broke out, the regiments of the regular army, which was depended upon for the heaviest fighting, were commanded by colonels who were war veterans. Their service in the civil and Indian wars had hardened them into princely soldiers, the like of whom, taking the whole roster, had never been seen under the American flag.

By the addition of 24 regiments to the standing army the government has practically doubled the regular force. The new field officers and nearly all the line officers are graduates from the regular regiments, and of the colonels it may be said without favoritism that they are the pick of the material and that the material available is of the choicest.

Colonel J. M. Bell, the leader of the new Twenty-seventh regiment, now en route to Manila, commanded the squadron of the First regular cavalry, which led off in the attack at Las Guasimas. His command forced its way through the chapparal toward the Spanish lines, and in order to get at the enemy quickly rushed over a wide open space under Mauser fire.

Colonel L. M. V. Kennon, commanding the new Thirty-fourth regiment, was one of the first to have his men ready to go to the field. As captain of a company which had a conspicuous part to perform at San Juan hill Kennon made an enviable battle record to add to his service against Indians.

Colonel Dorst, who has been promoted from the cavalry to lead the Forty-fifth infantry, was one of the very first army officers to win honors in Cuba. He commanded the famous Gussie expedition which landed munitions for the insurgents soon after the blockade was established.

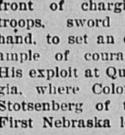
Colonel Kennon, volunteers, and he went with the army to Santiago as the adjutant general and chief of staff of Wheeler's cavalry division. In the attack at San Juan he was at the front, directing the brigades and regiments where to go in. The irregular ground and scattered lines often separated the troops from their generals, but Dorst moved up and down the firing line coolly giving commands and exposing himself with a

fearlessness which was noticeable even on that field of countless brave deeds. With one exception the three colonels from the Philippine army had not had the chance for personal distinction in the field which fell to the fighters in Cuba. Colonel William E. Birkhimer of the Twenty-eighth had a war record back of him before he went to Manila, having served through the civil war in the Fourth Ohio cavalry. As captain of a battery he went to the Philippines in the first expedition, June, 1898, and in the battles with Spaniards and Filipinos bore himself with such gallantry that General Lawton recommended him for promotion to the colonelcy of the Twenty-seventh volunteers.

Colonel Robert Bruce Wallace of the Thirty-seventh has also been at the front in the Philippines from the very start, serving as lieutenant colonel in the First Montana. He graduated from West Point in 1890 and is now but little over 30 years of age. The cavalry was the favorite arm of service for the young cadet, and he went to the south-west with the Second regiment, where he met with stirring adventures, subduing the Apaches in Arizona and New Mexico.

Colonel J. Franklin Bell of the Thirty-sixth broke away from the dull routine of the engineers' department to take up the role of a scouting leader in the Philippines. He had been trained in the cavalry, and when General Lawton reached the field at Manila he organized a small force to act as the eyes of his division and placed Bell at the head of it. The major had already become the talk of the army on account of his boldness in rallying and leading detachments when the officers had been shot down, and in rushing to the front of charging troops, sword in hand, to set an example of courage.

His exploit at Quingua, where Colonel Stotsberg of the First Nebraska lost



Colonel Birkhimer, his life, is but one of many showing that Lawton knew his man. When the army was ready to advance from Malolos, Bell rode forward with 60 men



COLONEL WALLACE

to reconnoiter the ford across Quingua river and develop the strength of the Filipinos at that point. Arriving at the ford before daylight, Major Bell and five troopers stole forward and saw in the dim light a line of intrenchments in front of the shadowy figures, presumably sentinels, in the vicinity.

In order to find out what lay behind the works, Major Bell formed his line to open fire. There was a sudden outburst of shots from both sides. A trooper fell dead, and two comrades who were near were wounded. The major fought his men desperately until he saw the enemy closing in on both flanks, then retreated, losing two more dead and three wounded. These were carried back to cover and a courier sent to bring up the infantry. A battalion of the First Nebraska marched forward, and the major proposed to charge the works at once. This was opposed by the Nebraska officers. Finally the full regiment came up, and in the attack Colonel Stotsberg was killed.

The roster of lieutenant colonels and majors in the new regiments is adorned with half a score or more of names associated with brilliant deeds in Cuba. Colonel Kennon has with him in the Thirty-fourth Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Howse, a stalwart young Texan, who rode through all the fire at San Juan hill as an aid to General Sumner. Major Joseph Wheeler, Jr., of the same regiment passed through the ordeal as an aid to his father. Lieutenant Colonel Bernard A. Byrne of the Fortieth is another man with a San Juan hill record. He was a captain in the Sixth regulars and followed Egbert and Kennon in the first attack upon the blockhouse as well as in the charge which carried the day. In the Philippines he has twice attacked superior numbers and captured more of the enemy than he had men at his back.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur C. Ducat of the Forty-ninth (colored) is to be singled out for special honors because of his bravery at Fort San Juan. He was then captain of a company in the Twenty-fourth regulars, also colored, and led his men against a point in the trenches to the left of the blockhouse where the Spaniards were making a stubborn defense. His company was badly cut up, but won the point. Captain Ducat was shot through both thighs. The colonel of the Forty-ninth, W. H. Beck, led the troop of colored regulars which formed the connection between the right wing and the rough riders at Las Guasimas.

All the line officers of these new regiments have been chosen from among tried soldiers.

In the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth there are black men wearing shoulder straps who fought with Krag-Jorgensen at San Juan and El Caney.

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M'KINLEY EN ROUTE WEST.

Crowds Assemble at the Stations to Shake Hands With the President.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 6.—Although the presidential train crossed the Indiana line after dark last night and despite the fact that the people had been telegraphed ahead that no stops of any considerable length would be made, yet large crowds had assembled at Fort Wayne, Peru, Logansport and Lafayette. The president invariably declined to favor the people with speeches, but willingly shook hands with as many as he could reach and in most cases presented to them the members of the cabinet. The crowds were invariably enthusiastic and hearty in their greeting and at almost all of the stops bands were stationed to play "Hail to the Chief" as the train pulled in. Illinois will be crossed during the night and at 8 a. m. the party will arrive in Quincy, on the banks of the Mississippi.

SOUTH DAKOTA MUSTER OUT

They Will Leave San Francisco for Their Homes Sunday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—The South Dakota volunteers were mustered out yesterday and paid off. They will leave for their homes on Sunday, traveling over the Southern Pacific to Portland, thence east on the Northern Pacific. The death of Corporal Wayne B. Larrabee of the South Dakota regiment from smallpox cast a gloom over the mustering out ceremony.

The Minnesota volunteers started for home yesterday. The soldiers were given an ovation at the ferry depot before their departure. The men will be given a 24 hours' stay in Portland and will then resume their eastward journey over the line of the Northern Pacific.

BURNS AT HER DOCK.

Mallory Liner Leona and Cargo of Cotton a Total Loss.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The Mallory line steamer Leona was burned and sunk at her wharf in the East river yesterday. Her cargo, consisting of 800 bales of cotton, valued at \$300,000, is a total loss and the boat is little better than a total wreck. She caught fire at sea several days ago, since which time she has proceeded at full speed with batted hatches for this port. At 8:30 p. m. the Leona came racing up the East river to her pier, where haste was made to debar her passengers and open the hatches. An hour later an army of men were vainly fighting the fire. Finally the ship was scuttled.

Killed in a Fight With His Nephew.

LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 6.—John G. Bowles, one of the best known planters in Arkansas, was killed in a fight with his nephew, Edgar Reed. The latter was also killed, both men firing simultaneously. The tragedy was the result of a quarrel over the removal of a woodshed belonging to young Bowles. The Bowles family was noted for its fighting record. John Bowles had already killed two men. He was a man of considerable wealth.

Fast Train Wrecked.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 6.—A fast train on the New York, Chicago and St. Louis road was wrecked last night at Bellevue. Engineer Tracey was badly injured, Fireman Lynch, Baggageman Harper and Mail Clerk Glasgow were slightly injured. The passengers escaped.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The American board of foreign missions has voted to meet in Pilgrim church, St. Louis, next year. The president has appointed Daniel M. Sullivan postmaster at Cripple Creek.

Forty men employed at Cramps' shipyards representing various trades, Thursday joined the striking employees of that company.

The colonial government at Brisbane has received instructions from London that the Queensland contingent for South Africa must be dispatched before Oct. 31.

The miners at Dagus mines, Dubois, Pa., struck Friday. One thousand men are idle. The strike is one of sympathy to aid the Tioiga miners, who have been idle three months.

Representatives of independent telephone companies met in Chicago Thursday and consolidated themselves into the Independent Telephone Association of the United States.

The Paris correspondent of the London Standard says both France and Spain would regard as an unfriendly act any cession of Portuguese territory in east Africa to England.

The industrial commission resumed its sittings at Washington Thursday, hearing the members of the interstate commerce commission on questions affecting railroad transportation.

Orders were issued Thursday to move the two battalions of the Thirty-ninth volunteers from Fort Crook, Nebraska, to Vancouver barracks, Washington. They will embark soon for Manila.

General James R. O'Beirne of New York made the announcement Thursday that he had been appointed commissioner extraordinary in the United States for the Transvaal by President Kruger.

The secretary of war has issued an order discontinuing the military Department of the Gulf and merging it into the Department of the East, under the command of Major General Wesley Merritt, headquarters at New York.

A meeting called by the Federation of Labor at Havana was broken up by the police under orders issued by Civil Governor Rivera on the ground that the managing committee had not obtained a special permit authorizing the meeting.

The French parliament, it is understood, will be convened on Nov. 3. Rumors are prevalent of further arrests of prominent persons and of searches of their residences in connection with the alleged royalist plots against the republic.

Confirmation has been received at Santiago de Cuba of the report of the arrest, upon the application of the United States legation, of Fred T. Moore, the fugitive assistant teller of the National Bank of Commerce of Boston.

IOWA HAPPENINGS.

Printer Fatally Shot. MUSCATINE, Ia., Oct. 3.—Zenos W. John, a well known resident of West Liberty, last night fatally shot Walter Boot, a printer, during an altercation at a lunch counter.

Run Down by Switch Engine. POLK CITY, Ia., Oct. 2.—Chris Anderson, an employe of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company, was run over by a switch engine in the gravel pit near Polk City and killed.

Strike Causes a Coal Famine. FORT DODGE, Ia., Oct. 3.—One of the most serious strikes that has ever occurred in the Webster county coal mines is on at the present time and has resulted in a serious coal famine.

Moving Insane Patients. CLARINDA, Ia., Oct. 4.—Attendants with 30 patients arrived here Sunday. They were transferred from the hospital for insane at Independence to the one here. There are now about 700 in the hospital here.

Coal Find in Audubon County. EXIRA, Ia., Oct. 2.—Word has been brought to town that men while engaged in digging a well on the farm of William Van Aernam, six miles east of here, at a depth of 176 feet struck a 35-inch vein of coal.

Dr. Gibson Needs More Money. DES MOINES, Oct. 5.—Dr. J. I. Gibson, state veterinarian of Iowa, in his biennial report records progress in his work of suppressing tuberculosis among animals and asks for an increased appropriation to meet demands.

Cox Wins From Graham. DES MOINES, Oct. 5.—Jim Graham, Iowa's champion pugilist, was defeated last night in the third round by Tom Cox, a local celebrity. Young Corbett was present and bested a local negro fighter in the preliminary contest.

First Day of Des Moines Carnival. DES MOINES, Oct. 3.—The Semi-Grand carnival opened today with a big crowd in the city. A midway, taking in six blocks, besides a circus, free entertainments on street corners and the decorations of the city are the features.

Former Senator Harlan Better. MT. PLEASANT, Ia., Oct. 4.—The condition of ex-senator Harlan is slightly for the better today and it is believed he will recover. Mrs. Lincoln will not come from New Jersey, as she is being constantly informed of the condition of her father.

New Beet Sugar Plant. FORT DODGE, Oct. 4.—A beet sugar company has been organized here by local capitalists with a capital of \$450,000. Farmers here are already contracting beet acreage, the company agreeing to pay \$1 per ton for the beets delivered at the factory.

Croak Awarded the Decision. CLINTON, Ia., Oct. 3.—Perry Queenan of Chicago and Eddie Croak of Clinton, welter weight champion of Iowa, fought a 20-round contest in the People's theater under, under the auspices of the Clinton Athletic club last night. Croak was awarded the decision on points.

Christian Party Files Its Ticket. DES MOINES, Oct. 3.—The United Christian party today filed its state ticket, which goes on the ballot by petition. The petition was signed by 961 voters. The prohibitionists and others have been claiming that the United Christian party would not file its petition.

Iowa Cavalry Reunion. MARSHALSTOWN, Oct. 5.—Survivors of the Second Iowa cavalry yesterday began a two days' reunion here. About 150 members have arrived. Addresses by Congressman Hepburn, former commander of the regiment; Colonel Henry Egbert of Davenport; Mayor Pierce of Marshalltown and Commandant Horton of the Iowa soldiers' home are among the features of the meeting.

Parachute Failed to Open. DES MOINES, Oct. 5.—Marza Townsend of Decorah, Ia., about 20 years old, was killed on the carnival circus grounds about 5 o'clock last evening, while attempting a parachute leap. He was fired from a wooden cannon while up 1,000 feet in the air. The parachute failed to open and he fell to the earth like a stone and was picked up dead and terribly mangled. A large crowd saw the terrible accident.

Sale of Sioux City and Northern. SIOUX CITY, Oct. 4.—Judge Shiras of the federal court made an order yesterday afternoon for the sale of the Sioux City and Northern railway under foreclosure of first mortgage bonds. These bonds and accumulated interest, now in default, amount to \$2,800,000 and are held in the east. The sale will take place in about six weeks and H. S. Baker of Sioux City has been named special master to conduct the sale.

McKinley's Trip Across Iowa. DUBUQUE, Oct. 3.—President McKinley's trip across Iowa will be over the Illinois Central from Sioux City to Dubuque. Returning his special train will leave Sioux City at 10:45 p. m., Oct. 15. He will make five-minute stops at LeMars, Cherokee, Fort Dodge, Webster City, Iowa Falls, Parkersburg, Cedar Falls, Independence, Manchester and ten minutes at Waterloo. The train will reach Dubuque at 10:45 a. m., Monday, Oct. 16.

BIG FIRE AT DES MOINES.

Harris-Emery Department Store a Ruin and Other Buildings Damaged. DES MOINES, Oct. 4.—Fire yesterday destroyed the five-story department store of the Harris-Emery company and communicated to the Masonic Temple, Murphy house, Hegle cigar store and Hill shoe store, the total loss amounting to \$500,000. The loss to the Harris-Emery company alone is estimated at \$350,000. All the buildings were insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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