

ORDERS ARE ISSUED

TO MAN THE FORTS ALONG THE ATLANTIC

NEW ARTILLERY REGIMENTS

Provided With Stations Before the Men Are Enlisted—The Columbia Out of Dry Dock

Associated Press Special Wire

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Orders were issued at the War Department today for manning the newly established fortifications along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. They include the organization of the new artillery regiments numbers six and seven, authorized by a recent act of Congress. The Sixth regiment will have its headquarters at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and the Seventh at Fort Henry, Md. The location of these two regiments at the points indicated will necessitate the transfer of the artillerymen now occupying those garrisons to other places. Batteries B and C of the Fifth Artillery are at Fort Slocum and Batteries D and E are at Fort Henry. In organizing the new regiments six men will be taken from each of the batteries now in service, so that each of the new batteries will have at least fifteen experienced artillerymen.

The orders for the manning of the artillery demands the utmost promptness in their execution and it is expected that the movements of the troops to the various places assigned them will begin within the next forty-eight hours. The new fortifications on Long Island Head and at the entrance to the harbor will be guarded by a battery of the Second Artillery, now at Fort Adams, S. I.

For the operation of the guns on Sandy Hook two batteries now at Fort Slocum, one now at Fort Hamilton and one at Fort Wadsworth, will be utilized. It is expected that the Sandy Hook garrison will be established at once. The garrison headquarters band and one battery of the First Artillery, stationed at St. Francis' barracks, St. Augustine, Fla., will be transferred to duty at Sullivan's Island.

Fort Monroe, Va., is probably the strongest and best equipped station on the Atlantic coast and the garrison there will be called upon to man other fortifications, but not to an extent that would weaken its own efficiency. One battery of the First Artillery at Fort Monroe will be transferred to Fort Morgan, Ala., which, in conjunction with Fort Gaines, commands the entrance to Mobile bay.

For the better protection of the national capital, one battery of the Fourth Artillery at Fort Monroe has been ordered to Sheridan Point, Va. This fort is nearly opposite Fort Washington, and in connection with it, commands the approach to Washington by water.

The batteries of the Fourth Artillery stationed at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, will be distributed between Fort Delaware and Fort Mott, providing for the protection of Philadelphia, Trenton, Camden and other cities in that vicinity.

Fort St. Phillip, on the Mississippi river just below New Orleans, will be garrisoned by the Second Artillery now at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans. The other battery, at Jackson Barracks, has been assigned to duty at Fort Point, Galveston.

Arrangements have been made by the chief signal officer of the army, by authority of the Secretary of War, to establish immediate telegraphic and telephonic communications between all the new stations on the coast to which troops have been assigned.

HOPES FOR AN ORDER NEW YORK, March 11.—Speaking of the possibility of the United States obtaining naval vessels abroad Mr. Platt of Platt & Co. of this city, the American representative of John I. Thornycraft & Co. of Chiswick, England, one of the largest constructors of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers in Great Britain, said:

"I have just returned from Washington, and I was assured that this government desires now, more than any other class of vessel, a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers and, had it been considered practical by the Navy Department to have the boats built in England, the Thornycraft Company would have by this time begun work on several vessels of the Thornycraft type for use here. Acting upon suggestions received in Washington, however, I have consulted members of three or four shipbuilding concerns in this country relative to the quick construction of the Thornycraft type. I have been assured by them, with the detailed working plans of the vessels in their possession and under an ordinary commercial contract—that is, a contract free from all unnecessary red tape—they would collectively complete by working night and day, a fleet of ten such vessels within seven months.

"The representative of one firm assured me that it would send out the first vessel within six months. I am advised by cable by the Thornycraft Company to offer to dispose of complete plans of the Thornycraft vessel to this government at practically a moment's notice. The vessels are 210 feet long and 275 tons displacement, mounting four six-pounders and one thirteen-pounder, and equal to 30 knots.

"They are considered the most successful type of torpedo boat destroyers ever constructed. England has already about sixty of them and others building, and Thornycraft & Co. are constructing a number of them for Germany and Japan. The plans of this type of vessel can be shipped from the Chiswick yard within three days and I have every reason to believe that this government will order them."

THE OREGON'S MAGAZINES SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The battleship Oregon is to receive at once 4000 tons of ammunition. This quantity will provide a full complement for the forty-two magazines of the ship. Today the powder, shot and shells will be brought from Mare Island to the Oregon's anchorage in Mission Bay. Officers of the navy comment on the fact that the ammunition must be brought to the ship because the vessel cannot go to the navy station at Mare Island to receive supplies, owing to the shallow water in the channel there. Estimates are on file in the Navy Department showing that the sum of \$250,000 would enlarge the dock at Mare Island so as to accommodate a big battleship, and deepen the channel.

It is believed by naval officers that the Oregon will remain for a considerable length of time near San Francisco.

ATWELL, the Yankee Rustler, IS A BARGAIN MAN And Today Will Be the Great Bargain Day of the Year

Men's Handkerchiefs, large size, white linen-finish, hemmed; regular 4 for 25 cents... 3c

Celluloid Collars, in all the various styles of standing and lay-down shapes; only... 3c

Men's Sox. Seamless fancy cotton half hose that sell for and are well worth 8 1/2 cents go for 4c

Linen Collars. All styles and sizes of the regular 10c sort; pure linen collars; cut down to 5c

Handkerchiefs, colored border, hemstitched; full gentleman size, worth 12 1/2 cents; reduced to 6c

Suspenders. Harris patent wire buckle suspenders, easily sold for 20 cents; only 8c

Bib Overalls, for children; brown and blue, riveted, regular 25 cent kind; for only 9c

Bib Overalls, for men; extra heavy blue denim riveted bib overalls; reduced to 50c

Riveted Overalls, for men, 10 ounce blue denim, standard make, regular 50c; cut to 25c

Boys Waists. The celebrated "Mothers Friend" brand of handsome percales, worth 50 cents... 30c

Boys Waists, "Banner Brand" of heavy white laundered heavy muslin, pleated handsomely, worth \$1.00; for 45c

Blouse Waists. Children's fancy percale blouse waists, handsome sailor collars, worth 35 cents... 14c

Atwell the Bargain Man is a true bargain man in every sense of the word. He only buys stocks below their regular cost so that he can sell them the same way.

Now For a Second Saturday's Selling-Off of the Brown Bros.' \$37,000 Stock at 57 1/2c on the Dollar

In hard times like these, when a person can save nearly a half on every dollar he is compelled to spend, he is certainly doing well. You can become a true economist by carefully perusing these columns of great bargains and buying from a place like this. The character of the merchandise that Brown Bros. carried was acknowledged to be in every particular first-class and the best the market afforded. It was bought by me below the cost by a great deal, and will be sold accordingly.

Underwear—Men's French Balbriggan Undershirts and Drawers, 2 colors, per garment... 12 1/2c

Underwear—Men's Summer-weight Fine Jersey Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, cream and grey; worth 50c... 33c

Underwear—Men's Plain Grey and Fancy Striped Ribbed Cotton Shirts and Drawers, lock-stitch and trimmed seams; regular 75c garments for... 42c

Underwear—Men's Fine Summer-weight Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers. Reduced to only... 44c

Underwear—Men's Fancy-Colored Lace-Striped Fine Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, made with Otis patent gussets and tailor-made seams; Shirts and Drawers in matched colors and correct sizes; easily worth 75c per garment, but to close the entire line quickly will sell the suit for only... 88c

Neckwear—The whole outfit of Brown Bros.' 25c Band Bows are on sale for, each... 12 1/2c

Neckwear—The full line of Brown Bros.' 50c Band Bows and String Ties cut to... 25c

Neckwear—Silk and Satin Tecks, 4-in-hands that Brown Bros.' sold for 35c reduced to... 20c

Neckwear—Tecks, 4-in-hands, Band Bows and Strings, formerly sold up to 75c, now... 35c

Neckwear—Brown Bros.' finest lines of all kinds, worth up to \$1.00, will be closed out at... 50c

Men's All-Pure-Wool Scotch Cheviot Suits—Three and Four-button Cutaway Frock that originally cost up to \$12.50 to make, sizes up to 36 only. I will sell you for just... \$2.98

Men's Business Suits—Of good, pure woolen materials, single-breast, round and square-cut Sack and three and four-button Cutaway Frock styles; worth more than double the money. For only... \$3.33

Men's Nobby Sack Suits—No cheap, shoddy stuffs, for the old firm didn't carry any such lines, but Suits that would be dirt cheap at \$10. I can afford to and will sell for only... \$4.65

All-Wool Cheviot, Tweed and Cassimere Sack Suits—Made by your best manufacturing tailors in America, and whose correct price is from \$10.00 to \$13.50 per suit. Go on sale for... \$5.75

Men's Swool Dress Suits—At the price I'll sell them for you can easily afford to wear them every day for business purposes. Suits easily worth \$12.50 to \$15 are yours for only... \$6.35

Men's High-Class Clothing—Was the leading feature of Brown Bros.' establishment; they made a great reputation for their \$20 to \$30 Suits. What there are left of them I have cut to half, and in many instances to as low as... \$7.85

Men's Overcoats—Medium-weight light-stripe all-wool Cheviots, twilled silk serge lining, tailored perfectly and made to sell for a \$10 note. Out they go on Saturday for... \$2.98

Men's Overcoats—Navy Blue German Patent Beaver, with large silk velvet collars, cassimere lined; for all I know they sold for \$10 and more, but you can have one for... \$4.35

Men's Overcoats—Imported Meltons, Beavers, Kerseys and Coverts of finest makes, latest styles and best of workmanship and finish; \$16, \$18 and \$20 regular values at... \$9.35

Boys' Suits—Double-breasted Knee-Pants, Reefer and Sailor Suits, all sizes in the lot from 4 to 15 years. I have marked suits that usually sell at from \$2.25 upwards, and were considered bargains at that, down to... \$1.45

Boys' Suits—Double-Breasted Knee-Pants Suits, of pure all-wool Cheviots, Cassimeres, Tweeds and Worsteds, all ages, 4 to 15; in this lot there are many that are actually worth up to \$6 and more, yet they all go on sale for only... \$2.65

Men's Pants—A limited quantity of pairs of such as sold for up to \$1.50 the pair for... 92c

Men's Pants—About a hundred pairs all told in the lot; good values up to \$2.25. Reduced to... \$1.38

Men's Pants—All-Pure-Wool Cheviots, Tweeds and Cassimeres, \$3 to \$3.50 the pair elsewhere. Here only... \$2.15

Men's Pants—At this price you can pick up values up to \$6.00 the pair. Handsome English Worsteds, Cassimeres, Cheviots and Tweeds... \$2.50

Men's Pants—English Worsteds, Oregon City Woolen Mills celebrated Cassimeres, Grey and Black English Clay Worsteds, imported Scotch Cheviot and Hard-Twisted Tweed Trousers that Brown Bros.' sold for up to \$6.50, I've cut for only... \$3.15

Men's Hats—Black and Brown Fur Felt Fedoras, worth \$1.00 each, for... 68c

Men's Hats—Black and Brown Fine Fur Felt Fedoras, Alpines, etc.; worth \$1.25 upwards... 90c

Men's Hats—Genuine French Fur Felt Fedora and Alpine shapes, black and all staple colors, in the regular \$2.00 lines. Reduced to... \$1.30

Men's Hats—Finest French Fur Felt Fedoras, black and all colors. Reduced from \$2.50 to... \$1.90

Men's Hats—Every hat in the former Brown Bros. hat stock that was marked \$3.00 and over, no matter how much more, I have marked down to the one even price of... \$2.10

Men's Shirts, striped and fancy heavy twill, buck-size and percale work shirts, worth 50c... 36c

Men's Shirts. Men's fancy corduroy and black sateen overshirts, reduced from 50c to... 36c

Men's Shirts. Men's white linen-bosom dress shirts, short or long bosom, regular 75c value... 38c

Fancy Shirts. Men's laundered fancy percale shirts, collar and cuffs attached, worth 50c... 36c

Men's Dress Shirts. Broken lines of fancy laundered shirts, all kinds from 75c up; reduced to... 48c

Men's Shirts. Lines of colored-bosom and white body, laundered and soft bosoms, regular \$1 lines... 58c

Men's Shirts. Very swell and high-class fancy percale and Madras laundered shirts, worth \$1 and up... 68c

Men's Shirts. Values as high as \$1.50 each in stiff and soft bosom fancy dress shirts cut to... 79c

Men's Shirts. The celebrated "GOLD" brand of white dress shirts, sold the world over at \$1.50 each; full-dress, open front and back, and coat, open-all-down-the-front styles... \$1.05

Negligee Shirts. Fine silk-striped French flannel overshirts, handsome patterns; values up to \$4 each... \$1.85

Negligee Shirts. Silk-striped flannel and Madras overshirts that formerly sold up to \$2.50, for... \$1.46

Negligee Shirts. An endless variety of very fine and handsome values up to \$1.75, cut to... 98c

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MERRITT'S MISSION

NEW YORK, March 11.—"I shall start on my trip to inspect the fortifications upon the seacoast of the Southern States on Monday next," said General Wesley Merritt, in an interview. The itinerary of his trip, which will take about a fortnight, provides for going direct to St. Augustine. From there he will proceed to Key West and will visit in turn all the defenses on the Florida coast. He will go on up the coast of Georgia and also to the forts defending the harbors of South Carolina and North Carolina. He may visit Fort Monroe and the defenses on the Potomac river, but the inspection of the latter is likely to be deferred until he goes to Washington later in the season. Lieutenant Storther will accompany General Merritt.

THE BRAZILIAN CRUISERS

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of the Brazilian cruiser Amazonas and her sister ship, the Barboso, by the United States, but so far as the Navy Department is advised, they have not yet been concluded. The negotiations for the purchase of the two Japanese cruisers now building at Philadelphia and San Francisco are off and the present indications are that no further steps will be taken toward acquiring the ships. The Japanese government appears to be even more desirous of securing these ships than the United States, and owing to the delicate character of the aspect of affairs between Russia and Japan it is felt that the needs of Japan are quite as urgent as those of this country.

WILL MAKE CANNON

WATERTOWN, Mass., March 11.—The United States arsenal here, which, for many years, has been exclusively a fac-

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SAGASTA IS HOPEFUL

NEW YORK, March 11.—A special to the Herald from Madrid says: At the Cabinet council the price of corn and the elections occupied more time than the attitude of the United States. Senor Sagasta is totally unfurried and keeps optimistic.

THE HUNT FOR FUNDS

NEW YORK, March 11.—A special to the World from Madrid says: Senor Leon Castillo, the Spanish Ambassador at Paris, has returned to Madrid, ostensibly for a short leave of absence to look after his personal private affairs. But in official and diplomatic circles it is generally believed that he has come to enlighten the Spanish government of the personal disposition of the French banks and financiers towards Spain.

Worrying About His Wife

As a rule a man's hair turns grey five years sooner than a woman's.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

RATES BY RAIL

Home-seekers' Excursions Get Greatly Reduced Fares

CHICAGO, March 11.—All of the western roads have agreed to run home-seekers' excursions to all points in the west and north-west March 15th and April 5th and 19th. The rate for the excursions will be one fare for the round trip, plus \$2. A meeting of the executive committee of the Western Passenger association was held today to consider the regulation of rates from lower Missouri river points to Montana, Wyoming and North Pacific coast points via St. Paul. The roads did not succeed in solving the problem to their satisfaction. The difficulty is to equalize rates by this route with those through the nearest Missouri river gateways in such a way that roads whose only gateway is through St. Paul will not be given an undue advantage over the direct lines, and at the same time not furnish any facilities for making a scalp by the use of the electric locally.

ALL RUSSIA WANTS

Is a Winter Port Which Is Free From Ice

LONDON, March 12.—The Daily News publishes this morning a suggestive interview on the Chinese question with Dr. Markoff, the Russian expert. Dr. Markoff repudiates the idea that Russia intended to annex Manchuria, although he thought there was no doubt this would come about a century hence. "Russia's present aims," he said, "are merely to obtain an ice-free port to serve as the terminus of her railway system, to isolate Japan and to develop the vast commercial wealth of China. It is absolutely necessary to curb Japan's ambitions. It is a question of predominance between the white and yellow races. If Japan is allowed to join forces with China the white races are doomed. Russians regard war with Japan as inevitable."

FOREIGN NOTES

President Andrade of Venezuela has formed a cabinet, with Senor M. A. Matos as minister of the treasury.

Col. Picquet declining to notice Comte Ferdinand Esterhazy's challenge to a duel, the latter has written a letter accusing him of cowardice and threatening to horsewhip him.

At the conference of the colonial premiers at Melbourne yesterday it was resolved that if Great Britain and Canada contribute two-thirds of the cost of the proposed Pacific cable, Australia should contribute the remainder.

The total deaths resulting from the Bombay plague riots are two soldiers of the Shropshire regiment killed, a municipal inspector who accidentally shot himself, four European and four native policemen, with seventeen civilians injured, nine rioters killed and twenty-two injured. One hundred and nine arrests were made.

Fire Early This Morning

The alarm of fire from box 52 at 2:35 o'clock this morning was caused by a small blaze in the rear of the residence of William Woodland, 515 Court street. A pan of hot ashes had been left on a rear porch, and the heat from them ignited the woodwork. The fire had probably been smoldering for hours before it was discovered. The loss will not exceed \$50.

She Posts Them

Miss Janet Richards of Washington, devotes certain mornings each week to informal talks before audiences composed of many ladies of the official and "smart" set of that city. She posts them on all topics of interest of the day, religious, social, political and literary, thus enabling busy women to discuss the subjects intelligently, without taking time and trouble to study them for themselves.—New York Times.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS

The Coebel election bill passed the house in Kentucky yesterday, 59 to 22, over the governor's veto, and is now a law.

The North Pacific Steamship company has contracted to carry 800 tons of steel rails from Tacoma to Japan, and as the regular boats have all the freight they can carry, the company will engage two more boats to carry the mails.

The house committee on the election of president, vice president and representatives in congress has favorably reported to the house the joint resolution amending the constitution providing for the election of members of the house of representatives for terms of four years.

Prince Albert of Belgium was given a dinner by the president at the executive mansion last night in honor of his visit to the capital. The prince escorted Mrs. McKinley into the dining hall, while the president took the arm of Mrs. Hobart, wife of the vice president.

The eighth annual meeting of the Arizona Press association began yesterday at Tucson. The board of trade took the members in hand, who visited the university, where short addresses were made by the editors. They were given a reception by Colonel Epes Randolph, superintendent of the Southern Pacific company. Tomorrow evening the board of trade will banquet the editors.

Threatens Trouble

LONDON, March 11.—The Daily Chronicle attaches importance to the following dispatch from its correspondent at Hong Kong: The Manhus are hopeless as a government dynasty, and the imperial court is likely to migrate to Shang-Si province. The increasing imperial demands upon the provincial governments cannot continue, and it is possible that the result will be a new Chinese dynasty in Central China, with a capital at Nankin. If British protection is refused to this arrangement other powers are willing to accord theirs.

STATE NOTES

Two more jurors were secured yesterday in the case of Albert Holt, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary A. Clute.

Work is steadily progressing on the Valley railroad, and tracks have been laid over nearly the entire 23 miles from Stockton to Bakerville, only about ten miles at the latter end remaining uncompleted.

Dominico Riatto, a native of Italy, was found hanging in a well on a place five miles south of Fresno yesterday. He had committed suicide, evidently, though no cause is known why he should have done so.

C. Hansen, with two other men, tried to cross the Feather river in a boat five miles below Rovilla yesterday. The boat upset and Hansen was drowned, the two others swimming ashore. Hansen's body has not yet been found. Hansen had been married five months.

The report comes from Hanford that G. E. Morrison, alias Hill, alias Conley, who is wanted in Chicago for murder, was a Methodist minister in the Kings county town for two years and was transferred from there to a San Diego church. While in Hanford he was under the ban of suspension, but his identity was not discovered. The canal of the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Irrigation company, in the southeastern part of San Joaquin county, is dry. This is the first time since the canal was built that there was any demand for the irrigation of grain. Now that irrigation must be resorted to in the wheat fields no water is obtainable.

The supreme court has decided that Chief-of-Police I. W. Lees of San Francisco is not entitled to the reward of \$1000 for the arrest of John Kovaly for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Webber in 1894 in Sacramento, at least under the rule that no peace officer receiving a salary or fee is entitled to reward for the arrest of a fugitive criminal. Justice McFarland dissented.

In the Base Clef

Every musician has the idea that if he would consent to lower himself to do it, he could write a successful popular song.—Somerville Journal.