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Army and Navy News

The Washington Star of March 11, referring to the death of Captain Dixon, U. S. N., who married Miss Stella Smith, sister of Mrs. Pierre Jones, in 1874, says of his career:

"The Navy Department is informed that Captain Albert F. Dixon, U. S. N., died at the Hotel Bayard, in New York city, yesterday.

"Captain Dixon was born December 22, 1849, in Kittery, Maine, and entered the naval service as second assistant engineer, October 29, 1870, which title was changed to assistant engineer, February 24, 1874. He was promoted to passed assistant engineer, November 4, 1877; to chief engineer, July 13, 1894, and during the Spanish-American war served at the navy yard, New York, from June 2, 1898, to June 27, 1898, when detached and assigned to duty on the U. S. S. Chicago, then fitting out at the navy yard, New York, and which vessel was not placed in commission until December 1, 1898. On March 3, 1899, his title was changed by act of Congress to lieutenant commander. He was promoted to commander March 3, 1901, subsequently serving on the U. S. S. Oregon, March 30, 1901, to June 24, 1901; at navy yard, Mare Island, Cal., August 15, 1901, to August 11, 1904; in the bureau of steam engineering, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., from August 16, 1904, to July 28, 1908, having been assistant to bureau of steam engineering from March 11, 1905, to July 28, 1908. August 3, 1908, he reported for duty as general inspector of machinery for the navy and senior member of all boards on changes in machinery on the Atlantic coast, and was engaged upon that duty at the time of his death."

Distribution of Marines.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The restoration of marines aboard ships of war was again the subject of discussion at the Navy Department today. Secretary Meyer declared that he had no other intention than to obey both the letter and the spirit of the law under which the appropriations for the Navy are to be withheld unless the marines are given sea duty. That law does not become operative until July 1 next, and the Secretary explained that his only desire in referring the question to the Attorney-General to determine its constitutionality was in order that there might be no difficulty with the controller's office. Already, the Secretary said, steps had been taken looking to the distribution of the marines among the various ships, but the department wanted to know first of all if there was any obstacle, and for that reason the opinion of the Attorney-General had been requested.

Damage to Farragut.

MARE ISLAND, March 16.—The torpedo destroyer Farragut, in command of Lieutenant Martin K. McCall, U. S. N., arrived here this morning from San Diego and was placed in the drydock Monday afternoon. It appears that the Farragut was run into by the torpedo boat Davis, which is commanded by Lieutenant L. E. Swanson, while the Farragut was moored alongside a wharf at San Diego. At the time of the accident the Davis was preparing to run alongside the wharf, and it is said that she backed directly into the prow of the Farragut and stove in several plates below the water line. The hole in the prow was patched up and the Farragut was ordered to the yard to have the damage repaired. It is said that the damage done was not serious, but that an investigation will be made and that Lieutenant Swanson will probably be court-martialed. The Farragut made an average of 25 knots while coming up the coast. The work on the destroyer will be rushed to completion so that she can leave this week to rejoin the rest of the fleet at Magdalena Bay.

Two Floating Docks.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Representative Mudd of Maryland has introduced a bill for the construction of two floating steel drydocks of sufficient size to dock vessels of at least 20,000 tons displacement, one to be used on the Pacific and the other on the Atlantic Coast, the cost not to exceed \$1,750,000 each, and making \$3,500,000 immediately available for this purpose.

3000-Mile Wireless.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—By an agreement reached today between Secretary Meyer and representatives of the National Electric Signaling Company of Pittsburgh, the naval establishment is to be furnished with wireless apparatus which will transmit messages 3000 miles day or night. The ships will be furnished with similar apparatus capable of sending messages 1000 miles.

The apparatus, it is said, will be thirty times as powerful as those in ordinary use. This will enable the department to communicate with its vessels practically across the Atlantic Ocean, and if successful will mark one of the greatest achievements in naval practice.

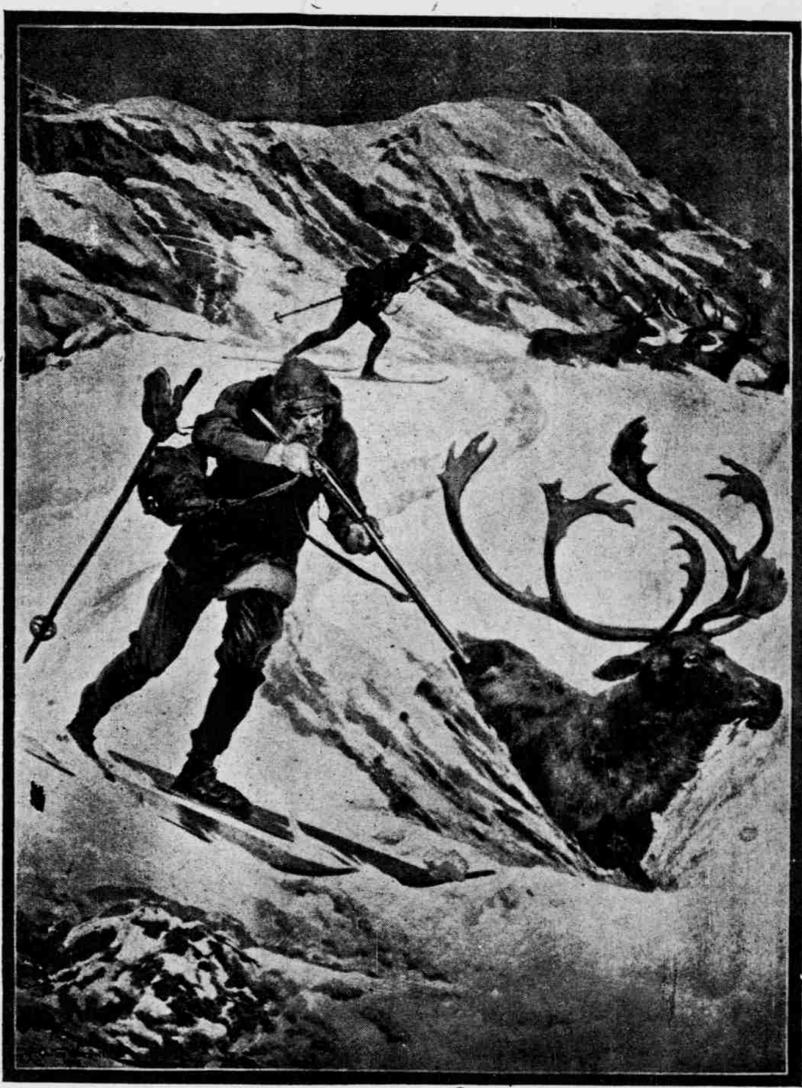
Bell Chief of Staff.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—President Taft today reappointed Major General J. Franklin Bell as chief of staff of the Army. General Bell relinquished the position on the 4th instant, under the law terminating the services of the incumbent on the expiration of the term of the President.

Notes of the Army.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Captain William Elliott will be chief commissary of the Department of California in accordance with orders of the War Department. There has been much inquiry as to who would be appointed to this office, the general shake-up in the commissary department having taken place several weeks ago. He succeeds Lieutenant-Colonel David L. Brainard, who is appointed to the office in the Philippine division. Captain Henry T. Ferguson, who has been acting chief commissary in this city, has been ordered to join his regiment, the Twenty-first Infantry.

Brigadier-General John J. Pershing has been granted a leave of absence on a surgeon's certificate for physical disability. General Pershing was but recently ordered to a command in the Philippines, but he will be relieved from duty for a period of six months, in addition to which he has permission to go beyond the sea. Major Harry C. Hale arrived in the city yesterday from Washington, D. C., and will remain on temporary duty in this department until the sailing of the next transport. Major Hale is attached to the Adjutant-General's department. Captain S. B. Simonds, commissary department, will assume duties as assistant to the purchasing commissary. He came on the Thomas and will be in the office of Major Krauthoff. Captain Simonds is well known in this city, having been stationed here some years ago when Brigadier-General Francis Moore was in command of the department. Captain James K. Parsons, Twentieth Infantry, has received orders to take charge of construction work at the Presidio of Monterey under direction of the Quartermaster-General, relieving Captain W. H. Chapman. Captain Alexander E. Williams, quartermaster's department, has arrived



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from Washington and is awaiting orders. Lieutenant David L. Roscoe, First Cavalry, is ordered up for his promotion before an examining board to be held at Fort Riley.

Transferred from Navy to Army. Ensign Carl A. Lohr, formerly attached to the U. S. S. Dolphin, has resigned from the navy to accept a commission as a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps of the Army. He will be placed at the foot of the list of second lieutenants without examination, as was done in the case of the several other graduates of the Naval Academy who resigned to go into the Army. Mr. Lohr was appointed to the Naval Academy from Michigan in 1901. Four other graduates of the Naval Academy resigned from the Navy and were appointed second lieutenants in the Army in 1908.

Buffalo to Call Here. The Prairie will soon be relieved as parent ship for the torpedo flotilla by the Dixie. She will make a trip with a draft of men from Newport and Hampton Roads to Colon and return, to be at Colon April 24 to 28, exchanging drafts with the Buffalo across the Isthmus on April 26. The Buffalo will leave Magdalena Bay April 15, to be at Panama to exchange drafts with the Prairie April 26, and then proceed to San Francisco, touching en route at such port as the Pacific fleet may be, to deliver men to the vessels of that fleet. After a stay of about two weeks at Mare Island, she will proceed to Manila with a draft of men, remaining at Manila for about three weeks in July, after which she will return to San Francisco. She will touch at Honolulu and Guam, both going and coming, and in returning may touch at Panama en route from Honolulu to San Francisco to land a draft from the Asiatic Station for the east coast of the United States.

Pearl Harbor Dock. Work on the modified plans for the drydock at Pearl Harbor is still in progress in the Yards and Docks. It is expected that the advertisement for new bids will be issued within the next fortnight in order that the award may be made and contract signed so that work can be begun early in the summer. The dock is to be shortened from the original plans, which would have made it 1100 feet long. In every other respect it will be the same, and in time, if necessary, it can be lengthened.—Army and Navy Journal.

Provision for Polo Ponies. Army officers who are interested in polo will be gratified to learn that the Secretary of War has decided that they may keep an extra horse, such as a polo pony, provided the allowance for forage which is legal for two horses is not exceeded. Accommodations will be provided for such animals at the post stables, and care and attention will be given them in the usual way so

long as no additional expense is imposed upon the government.

Army Small Arms Competition. According to an order issued by the Secretary of War there will be assembled annually at such time and place as may be designated by the War Department competitors for the army rifle team. The competitors will consist of the medal winners at the several departmental rifle competitions and in addition any distinguished marksmen whose scores at the last departmental rifle competitions exceeded by five (5) per centum that of the lowest member of the team in the same competitions, respectively. In order to afford opportunity to distinguished marksmen to compete for the army team, each department commander will cause those distinguished marksmen within his command who have won a medal in the last competition attended by them and who desire to compete to attend the departmental competition, bring thereat in the usual manner during preliminary practice and competition. The scores that they make in the latter firing will be graded among those of all the competitors in order of merit, though they can not win a medal or a place on the departmental team.

Evening Gun at Norfolk Abolished. NORFOLK, Virginia, March 13.—Rear-Admiral Taussig, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard, today issued an order abolishing the 9 p. m. gun at the navy yard. The firing of this "evening gun" has been a custom observed since the establishment of the training station.

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