

BOYS IN BLUE ARE NOW READY FOR THE FRAY

Regulars and State Troops Anxious to Defend Old Glory.

To-Morrow General Shafter and Staff and the Historic First Infantry Regiment Will Depart for New Orleans.

The Government steamer General McDowell will make a special trip to Benicia Barracks this morning to bring to the Presidio Companies B and H, First Infantry. For the first time since the war of 1861-65 the whole of the First Regiment of Infantry will be concentrated at the Presidio, where it will remain till its departure for New Orleans. Not only will the infantry be concentrated, but all the mules with escort and army wagons, ambulances, red-cross ambulances, harness and other appurtenances will be collected at the Presidio from the various posts in the harbor ready for shipment to destination.

Arrangements are now being perfected by the chief quartermaster of the department for the transportation of the command to the South. Monday bids will be received from the railroad companies, and it is expected that the troops, etc., will be en route not later than Tuesday evening.

General William R. Shafter, who is to command the troops to be concentrated at New Orleans, accompanied by the following officers of his staff, will leave Monday night: First Lieutenants Robert H. Noble and John D. Milley; Lieutenant Colonel John B. Babcock, assistant adjutant-general; Major Stephen W. Groesbeck, judge-advocate; Lieutenant Colonel Charles P. Egan, assistant commissary-general; First Lieutenant Frank Greene, signal corps; Captain Charles M. Gandy, assistant surgeon. Several clerks and messengers from department headquarters will go with the staff.

The honor of commanding the post at the Presidio when Colonel Evan Miles, First Infantry, goes to the front will devolve upon Lieutenant Colonel Louis T. Morris, Fourth Cavalry. Colonel Morris is a veteran leader of cavalry who participated in many of the great battles of the Civil War and was advanced in rank for gallantry in action.

Lieutenant Colonel William H. Bisbee, First Infantry, an officer who participated in many of the campaigns and battles of the late war and gained promotion for gallant conduct on the field, goes with his regiment to New Orleans.

It was learned late yesterday afternoon from very good authority that Lieutenant Colonel H. W. Lawton, inspector-general's department, United States army, had been assigned to duty in the Department of California and will accompany General Shafter to New Orleans. Colonel Lawton is now stationed at Los Angeles.

General Shafter will arrive from Bakerfield at 7 o'clock this morning. All members of the hospital corps from Alcatraz and Angel Island have been ordered to the Presidio to hold themselves in readiness to go with the troops to New Orleans. A full equipment of tents for the First Infantry was issued by the depot quartermaster yesterday. The troops will take with them thirty days' field rations.

It was said at the Presidio yesterday that not a hoof nor a wheel would be left on the reservation. The orders direct that the First Infantry shall take all equipment, tentage, a full allowance of camp and garrison equipment, and all the ammunition available.

The commanding officer at the Presidio is directed to put all the transportation in the same shape as the wagons first intended for shipment and which were inspected by the department commander. The necessities of the post, from which all transportation is withdrawn, will be supplied by transportation hired by the quartermaster's department.

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partment. If the work of preparing the transportation cannot be completed by Monday civilian labor will be hired for that purpose.

The officer designated to remain at Benicia barracks is Major Smith, First Infantry. Major White, surgeon, and Lieutenant Page, assistant surgeon, will go with the infantry to New Orleans. Captain Ware, assistant surgeon, will accompany the light batteries of the Third Artillery to Chickamauga Park.

As the annexed order indicates, Colonel Moore will go to New Orleans in advance to select a camp:

Special orders, No. 22.
Headquarters Department of California, San Francisco, Cal., April 16, 1898.

2.—Pursuant to telegraphic instructions from the War Department, Colonel James M. Moore, assistant quartermaster general, will, without delay, proceed to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the purpose of selecting suitable grounds as a camp for the troops ordered to rendezvous there. The travel enjoined is necessary for the public service.

By command of Brigadier-General Shafter, J. B. BABCOCK, Official Assistant Adjutant-General.

Considerable interest was manifested in the preparations for departure being made by the United States Army Signal Corps, at the Presidio yesterday. All of the various apparatus pertaining to the service was being packed and the poles, wires, insulators and instruments of the field telegraph and telephone were loaded on wagons specially constructed therefor. Each wagon will carry enough material to construct fifteen miles of line. The poles are twelve feet long by two inches in diameter, thirty poles being used to the mile, upon which a No. 14 galvanized wire is stretched, fastened to an ingeniously contrived cutta perch insulator.

The field telegraph and telephone plays an important part in the maneuvering of troops in the field and places the commanding officer in close communication with the various strategic points at which the troops may be stationed.

In addition to the field telegraph and telephone the Signal Corps is equipped with flags, rockets, bombs and apparatus for heliograph signaling.

Brigadier-General Henry C. Merriam, commanding the Department of the Columbia, stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, has been designated by the Secretary of War as officer to temporarily command the Department of California, on the departure of General Shafter for New Orleans, and to assume command of the eight regiments of infantry to be concentrated at that place. It is not known definitely whether or not General Merriam will remain at Vancouver Barracks or come to San Francisco.

General Merriam is a native of Maine and entered the service as a captain of the Twentieth Maine Volunteers. He was appointed captain of the Eightieth United States colored troops March 11, 1862; May 21, 1864, he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Eighty-fifth United States colored troops; June 3, 1864, he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Seventy-third United States colored troops; July 28, 1866, he was appointed major of the Thirty-eighth Infantry; March 15, 1869, he was transferred to the Twenty-fourth Infantry; June 10, 1876, he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Second Infantry, and June 30, 1877, he attained his present rank of brigadier-general.

For gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Antietam, conspicuous gallantry in the capture of Fort Blakeley, Alabama, and faithful and meritorious services during the campaign against the city of Mobile and its defenses, he was breveted lieutenant-colonel and colonel.

General Merriam has received from Congress a medal for his conspicuous gallantry in the assault on Fort Blakeley, Alabama, April 9, 1865, voluntarily and successfully leading his regiment over the works in advance of orders, permission being given him at his own request.

First Lieutenant Eugene T. Wilson, Third Artillery, has been directed to act as signal officer of the department, relieving First Lieutenant Frank Greene. First Lieutenant Delamere Skerrett, Third Artillery, who was ordered a few days since to take command of property at Benicia, is now directed to return to his station at Fort Mason.

There was no commotion or excitement to speak of at the Presidio and department headquarters yesterday. The enlisted men are ready to fall in behind the band and march to the boat. In fact they were ready in fifteen minutes after the order was received. Officers were busy most of the day yesterday attending to private affairs. Some of them expect a long campaign and an expedition to Cuba before the trouble with Spain is adjusted, hence several officers resigned from "the club" or went on the absence list to avoid the dues which fall alike on the just and the unjust.

It would be gratifying to the citizens of San Francisco and quite agreeable to the soldiers if General Shafter would permit the First Infantry and the light batteries, C and F, of the Third Artillery, to march through the streets of the city on the way to the front. The troops would be cheered by the patriotic populace if the column passed through town.

The National Guard of California is ready at a moment's notice to defend the honor of the stars and stripes. Within three days from the time that they may be called upon by the Government there can be mobilized at any rail connected point in the State 4000 thoroughly equipped troops, who can bid defiance to any force that Spain could land upon this coast and defend any point that may be threatened with invasion.

The commanding officers of the National Guard have been busy during the past two weeks getting the troops into shape, and the officers of the various commands throughout the State have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's notice.

Adjutant-General Barrett said yesterday that the entire fighting force of California was available if called upon to go to the front upon short notice. No instructions have been received by



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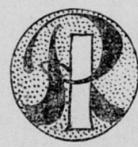
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him or Governor Budd from the East, beyond the general order sent to all the State troops to be in readiness in case they are needed. In event of the Government calling upon the State for troops to be placed at the Presidio, General Barrett does not as yet know what regiment to detail for that duty. He keeps in constant communication with the Governor, so that at the first call for troops from the East the soldiers of California will be ready with their leaders to step into line. Should the State's forces be needed in the East the officers commanding them will go as officers of volunteers in the service of the United States.

Major-General Dickinson said yesterday that he could mobilize 4000 men in three days at any point if called upon to do so. In event that he is ordered to take the field at the head of his forces to defend the coast he will be supplied by the Government with a command of light batteries that can be easily handled and moved from point to point.

General Warfield, commanding the Second Brigade, reports that all the men under his immediate command are ready to move at a moment's notice. All of the officers of the National Guard are upon the "qui vive," and when the word comes they will be found ready and all prepared for the fight.

Plan of Attack on Havana.
NEW YORK, April 16.—The Herald's Key West correspondent says: That the former plan of naval attack on Havana has been abandoned was practically admitted by Captain Sampson this evening, when he said: "It now seems certain that the fleet will not move against Havana until we can have full co-operation of troops."

Captain of Harvard Volunteers.
Charles Caldwell Bull, '98, Harvard University, and son of Mrs. Alpheus Bull of Radcliffe Hall, Belmont, has been unanimously elected captain of the first company of volunteers raised at Harvard.

ANTI-AMERICAN HOLY ALLIANCE

One London Paper Says Sharp Things About Uncle Sam.

Does Not Believe the Powers of Europe Can Coerce the United States.

Other English Journals, However, Agree in Backing Up the Sentiment of Great Britain.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, April 16.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon publishes an article headed an "Anti-American Holy Alliance," in which it says: "The reports of European interference in the Cuban question are distinctly the most interesting news this morning—most interesting because it now is clear that nothing can prevent war except some such intervention. The United States has gone too far to recede. America wants to fight, and so far as we can see, America will be going wrong, not through its statesmen, but through a national hysteria. It is discouraging for those who wish

peace and the end in Cuba of Spanish rule to see American passion throwing away what American statesmanship has won. There is, therefore, obviously an opportunity for the forcible intervention of the powers, or some of them.

"The position of Great Britain, in such an eventuality, is a delicate one, but from the point of view of France, Italy, Austria and Germany, it must be allowed that the plea made by Spain could hardly fall on deaf ears. Senor Sagasta's indignation in regard to the accusation now bluntly brought in connection with the Maine is perfectly justified, after the reticence observed by the responsible American Government. Spain virtually throws up the sponge in ordering an armistice. If American interference goes further in its insulting attack upon the mere existence of European sovereignty over the island, a strait waistcoat would seem to be a very useful article of attire for the outside powers to provide for the country which wants to bite off more than it can chew without any consideration for other people's interest.

"The notion that England must support America against Europe, whether America is right or wrong, is ludicrous. But if a new Holy Alliance attempted to coerce America in respect to a matter in which our sympathies are with America, it would no doubt find Great Britain a strong ally of the United States. No such case seems likely to arise yet, and it certainly would not if the triple alliance intervened between Spain and America."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The sympathy of the Continent is no doubt with Spain, just as it is in Great Britain by an overwhelming majority with the United States. But between sympathy and action a great gulf is fixed. The time has gone by for European attempts at mediation.

The Westminster Gazette says there need be no alarm about anti-United States movements, adding: "A European concert which excluded Great Britain could not intervene with any effect in the amphibious warfare which is threatened, and it is perfectly cer-

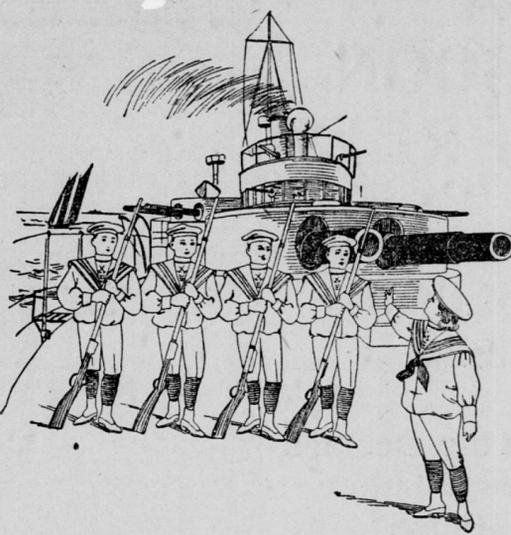
tain that no British Government would be a consenting party to any sort of intervention which is hostile or even hampering to the United States. The only way out is to compel Spain to accept the substance of the American demands while she yet has a chance of saving her sovereignty in Cuba. That chance is open for a few days more, and while we do not fear the European concert will coerce the United States, there is still, we hope, a possibility that a concert will persuade Spain."

ROBERT A. McLANE DEAD.
America's Former Minister to France Succumbs to Illness.
WASHINGTON, April 16.—The State Department has received a cablegram from Ambassador Porter stating that Hon. Robert A. McLane, former Minister to France, died at Paris at 5 o'clock this morning. He had been ill for some time and passed quietly away.

WHEN YOU WRITE TO THE QUEEN.
The paper on which letters to Queen Victoria are written must not be folded. No communication which bears evidence of having creased will ever fall into Her Majesty's own hands. The proper method is to write on thick, glossy white paper, and to dispatch the missive in an envelope which fits it. Any folded communication never reaches the Queen; the simple reason that she never looks at it. All such letters are opened by the Mistress of the Robes, and, as a rule, their contents never get beyond her, or, if the letter is of importance, it is returned to the writer with the directions how to forward it.

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