

TO COMMAND DEFENSES OF THE HARBOR

General Merriam, U. S. A., Issues an Order Placing Colonel M. P. Miller, Third Artillery, in Charge of All the Batteries and the Mine Field.

Garrison at Fort Point Will Be Re-enforced To-day by Troops From Angel Island and Fort Mason. Department Commander Leaves for Vancouver.

Important orders were issued yesterday by General Merriam, commanding the Department of California. The orders announce that Colonel M. P. Miller, Third Artillery, is placed in command of all artillery troops, guns and defensive works, and in control of all war materials in and about San Francisco harbor.

against Spain. Our preference is for the front, but we are in your command and will go wherever you order us. Very respectfully yours, JOHN STONE JONES. The majors of squadrons are L. E. Mosher, M. L. Starin and J. T. Thompson. Colonel Thomas M. Cliff and Lieutenant Colonel George C. Murphy of General Dickinson's staff were at headquarters early in the day.

SECOND COUNCIL.

The Governor Collects Information for the War Department.

Governor Budd, Adjutant-General Barrett, Major-General Dickinson, Brigadier-General Warfield and Captain Carrington are in conference at the Governor's office at a late hour last night. At the conclusion of the conference, Governor Budd said: "We held the conference for the purpose of considering as to the best method of collecting the information desired by the War Department with desired information."

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Lieutenant Sidney A. Cloman Ordered to Remain at Berkeley.

BERKELEY, April 25.—Lieutenant S. A. Cloman, Fifteenth Infantry, U. S. A., commander of the cadet battalions at the university, to-day received a telegram from Washington denying him permission to leave the university to join the army at the front. The dispatch, which came from Assistant Adjutant-General Schwan, was as follows: "Release from duty at the university not approved by the Secretary of War at present. Your services may be needed in California."

As soon as quarters can be arranged at or near Fort Point Colonel Miller will establish headquarters. It is present he will direct operations from the Presidio, but will daily visit the batteries. A powerful searchlight, which is needed at Fort Point, will soon be provided. The dynamo of the mortar battery can supply the illuminating power.

A COAST PATROL.

Necessity of Such a System Shown to the Government.

An effective patrol system for the coast line of California is just now occupying the attention of the local army and navy officers, and the result will be a system of land and sea patrols that will be able to announce the presence of any hostile vessel long before she can get within striking distance of San Francisco.

MOUNTED MEN.

A Regiment of Southern California Volunteer Cavalry.

The scenes around the Governor's headquarters yesterday were full of life and animation. At an early hour the prominent officers began to gather in anticipation of expected orders from the East, and much speculation was engaged in. One of the most prominent arrivals during the day was that of Lieutenant Colonel H. W. Patton of the newly organized First Regiment Southern California Volunteer Cavalry.

and again by the merchants of this city, and several attempts have been made to enlist their aid. It is considered absolutely necessary to have a wire stretched to the islands. The cost of this would amount to only about \$20,000, a mere bagatelle when compared to the value of the service rendered to this city, even if there was no war trouble.

WAR INCIDENTS.

A Motorman's Patriotism. Tug Fearless Goes to the Union Iron Works.

J. B. Kelly, a motorman on the San Francisco and San Mateo Railroad, has demonstrated his patriotism and nerve by enlisting in the marines of the United States navy. He has gone to the front to uphold the flag. Mr. Kelly is not a native son of California, but is a native son of Roscommon, Ireland.

Resolved, by Golden City Lodge No. 63, Knights of Pythias, of California, that this lodge will aid and protect the families of such of its members as may answer such a call by maintaining their families in the rear, and, where necessary, making the monthly payments required of those holding certificates of membership.

PATRIOTIC BANQUET.

Veterans of the California Volunteers at Table.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting and banquet of the Society of California Volunteers took place at the Occidental Hotel last evening. Before the festivities commenced a few little business matters were transacted, with the following results: Comrade Sol Cahen, Third California Infantry, was re-elected president, and was succeeded by Captain Charles W. Gordon.

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RAISING THE REVENUE TAX

An Income Tax to Be One of the Features of the War Measure.

Those Whose Incomes Are Less Than Two Thousand a Year Will Be Exempt.

Other Sources by Which It is Proposed to Vastly Increase the Federal Income.

READY FOR WAR.

Companies of the First Infantry Awaiting the Call for Troops.

The members of Companies C and G of the First Infantry, National Guard of California, after a well-attended drill at their armory on Ellis street last night, expressed their readiness to respond to the call for State troops when made by Governor Budd.

TARGET PRACTICE.

Existing Rules and Regulations Discussed by the Inspectors.

Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting of inspectors of rifle practice at brigade headquarters for the purpose of discussing the rules and regulations at this time governing State shoots in California. Present: Colonel Park Henshaw, inspector-general on the staff of the commander-in-chief; Lieutenant-Colonel Louis Barriere, inspector on the division staff; Major Hosmer, on the Second Brigade staff; Lieutenant Tobin, inspector for the First Infantry, Second Brigade; Lieutenant H. J. Henshaw, inspector for the Sixth and Seventh regiments of infantry were represented.

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the amount received, under a penalty of not exceeding \$500 for failure to report.

The setting apart of \$750,000 for the Marine Hospital service from the receipts from tobacco duties is limited to the fiscal year 1899. For the expenses of assessment and collections of these taxes \$100,000 or so much of that as is necessary for the proper conduct of the employment of such deputy collectors and other employes in the several collection districts of the United States as may be necessary.

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CALIFORNIA TROOPS MAY NOW RALLY

Governor Budd Receives the Eagerly Expected Message From the War Department Asking Men of This State to Volunteer in Their Country's Cause.

Chief Executive, Division Commander and Adjutant-General Hold Councils of War—Governor Estimates That the Whole National Guard May Be Called Into the Volunteer Service.

The President, through the Secretary of War, yesterday issued the call for troops, and in consequence the entire National Guard of California will doubtless be mustered into the United States service.

At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Governor Budd received the following dispatch: WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25, 1898.

To the Governor of California, San Francisco, Cal.

The number of troops from your State under the call of the President, dated April 23, 1898, will be two regiments and two battalions of infantry and four heavy batteries of artillery. It is the wish of the President that the regiments of the National Guard or State militia shall be used as far as their numbers will permit, for the reason they are armed, equipped and drilled.

Please wire as early as possible what equipments, ammunition, arms, blankets, tents, etc., you have and what additional you will require. Please also state when troops will be ready for muster into the United States service. Details to follow by mail.

R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

Immediately upon the receipt of the dispatch Governor Budd held a conference with Adjutant-General Barrett, Major-General Dickinson, Brigadier-General Warfield and Captain Carrington, U. S. A.

The conference was for the purpose of framing a reply to the Secretary of War, and this was done, but the exact nature of the message sent by the Governor was withheld. Governor Budd after replying to Secretary Alger's dispatch gave out the following statement for publication: "From what I can gather from the dispatch that I have received the entire National Guard will be called out. This is figured out upon the basis of the militia population, upon which the army volunteer bill was framed. The call is for two twelve-company regiments and two four-company battalions, making thirty-two companies of enlisted men. On the basis of 103 men to the company this would require 3296 men, and adding four batteries to this of 200 men each will bring the number up to 4096, or in round numbers 4100 men. This will practically require the entire National Guard.

"The men will now have to be mustered into service, and I have issued no orders, nor will I until I receive the mailed instructions from the War Department, which I presume were mailed to-day, and which should arrive here the last of the week. I have notified the War Department as to the needs of the National Guard, and they know from Captain Carrington's reports, that are on file there, in what we are lacking.

"In forty-eight hours from the time I receive instructions from the guard can be mobilized at any point. Should the examination which every man is

required to pass deplete the guard to any extent the required number of men can be readily supplied from the applications of volunteers who are anxious to serve.

"As to the disposition of the men after they have been mustered into service I know nothing, for they then pass beyond my control.

"The call does not ask for any cavalry, and we have no artillery. In this case I shall supply the men to man the batteries and the Government must furnish the guns. The cavalry will no doubt be the ones who will be turned into artillerymen. After the entire National Guard has been utilized then, and not until then, will arise the question of enlisting and organizing volunteers. I am empowered to appoint in the volunteer service officers from colonel down to lieutenant, but I have not yet considered the question. I have made no appointments, nor will I do so until I hear from the War Department.

"The people must understand that when I call out the National Guard it is done so by a request, and, in the practical sense of the word, they are also volunteers, and the power of appointing their officers is mine. We will be prepared for war when the Government's orders come. In October Captain Carrington filed with the War Department a complete report showing what the National Guard required to entirely equip it for sixty days' service, and we also have filed at Los Angeles reports showing what the National Guard had in the way of equipments at that time. About three weeks ago reports were filed with the Adjutant-General showing absolutely everything necessary to equip the Guard, so I am prepared to and have informed the Government exactly what our needs are. I have done all that is required of me and California's troops are ready.

"Under the present call it is impossible to use more than half of the officers of the National Guard. I am not prepared to say what disposition will be made of the remainder. Until orders are received from Washington nothing will be done."

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The opening argument for the Government was made by Deputy United States Attorney Schlesinger, and the argument for the defendant was made by George D. Collins. United States Attorney Foote closed for the Government, and Judge De Haven charged the jury. After being out two hours the jury reported to the court that it was ready with a verdict. Williams was found guilty on the first count of the first indictment, which charged him with extorting \$100 from Wong Sam for landing Wong Lin Choy, and the verdict on the second indictment was not guilty. The mercy of the court was recommended, and Williams was ordered to be in the custody of the Marshal until Saturday, when he will be sentenced.

A woman can never understand why the bugs will persist in crawling up on her plants from underneath, and she washes the leaves so carefully on top.

