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More Troops Assembling at the Presidio's City of Canvas.

Words of Praise for the Volunteers From Regular Army Officers.

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Plans for concentrating 15,000 troops on the Presidio reservation have been formed by the War Department.

The press dispatches regarding the movement of Western regiments give a pretty clear indication that the military authorities in Washington design to mass that number of men in San Francisco.

Orders providing for subsistence and transportation tend to verify the statement that 15,000 soldiers at least will be sent here to join the expedition to the Philippine Islands.

When a million men were in the field in 1864 a force of fifteen thousand did not attract much attention, but now, after a long period of profound peace, 15,000 men seem to be quite an army of soldiers.

A large fleet of ocean transports will be required to convey the men to Manila, and many ships laden with supplies for the troops must accompany or follow the expedition.

Camping places must be found on the reservation for the volunteers from Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming, Washington and Oregon.

Major Edward Field, department adjutant-general, Colonel Louis Morris, post commander, and Lieutenant Fred W. United States Cavalry, chief quartermaster of the volunteers, were on the lookout yesterday for suitable camping ground for the volunteer regiments.

Consultation has been held with Herman Schussler, chief engineer of the Spring Valley Water Works, concerning the water supply of the troops.

Lieutenant J. E. Nolan, Fourth Cavalry, commissary officer of the Presidio, is preparing to supply an army of 15,000 men with rations.

The great rush now is to provide the volunteers with clothing and camp equipment. The military authorities have for many years maintained an effective National Guard, and it is probable that the Thirtieth Regiment from California may arrive here fully equipped for field service.

The advance guard of the volunteers from Oregon and Washington may arrive by steamship to-day. Space between the Fourth and Sixth California Volunteers has been reserved for the next troops to arrive at the Presidio.

Telegraphic orders were received yesterday announcing that Captain George Ruhlen, U. S. A., who was recently on duty with the Alaskan Relief Expedition, has been appointed chief quartermaster of the Department of California, with headquarters in San Francisco.

The announcement was also made yesterday that Major Robert H. White, surgeon, U. S. A., stationed at the Presidio, had been appointed chief surgeon of the proposed expedition to the Philippines.

Brigadier-General O. D. Greene, U. S. A., retired, formerly adjutant-general of this department and one of the ablest men in the army, visited the camp at the Presidio a few days ago. To a fellow-officer he remarked that the California volunteers were as fine a body of men in appearance as he had ever seen, and he could hardly believe, while watching them on drill, that they were not regular soldiers.

half of the Government the Marine Hospital for all serious and surgical cases. The many friends of Company M of the Seventh Regiment are determined that the boys of Riverside shall not be lacking in funds while here in camp, and consequently the citizens of Riverside or private subscription have raised a purse of \$500, which will be presented to the captain of the company to-day to be used for the comfort of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers and men of Company M.

The Sheriff of Riverside county will arrive to-day and present the purse to the captain. The Fourteenth Infantry gave a visit to the boys in the afternoon, which was a most interesting and profitable one. Major Kober put his command through the various maneuvers with perfect military precision.

Major McCarthy has taken the precaution to see that all of the men in the First California Regiment should be vaccinated. This will be done at once, so that the boys may have no sore arms when they arrive at Manila.

Lieutenant Tobin, who is the recruiting officer of the Fourteenth Infantry, had a number of applications yesterday from men desiring to join the regulars. The hospital corps of the Sixth Regiment will have its tent erected and the corps in shape to-day.

In the camp of the Fourteenth Infantry Major Robe has everything running smoothly. The military discipline is a clock-like order of the camp routine and the perfect harmony prevailing among the men and officers at once impresses the visitors. Major Robe has made many friends since his arrival here.

His command is composed of men recruited from among the best military material of the good luck of an officer to command. He is as proud of his men as Napoleon was of his Guard. Major Robe expects to have his battalion augmented by the 20th of this month.

Plans that have been ordered here from Alaska. Major McCarthy, surgeon First California Volunteers, was kept exceedingly busy yesterday unpacking his medical supplies, which have arrived. The hospital corps is now entirely supplied with everything that is necessary for the trip to Manila.

The Second and Third Battalions, under the command of Major Sims and Tilden, engaged in a mimic battle yesterday morning while they were drilling, and both battalions were highly commended for their colors flying and honors even. Both majors executed flank movements and performed other maneuvers which were supposed to be under an exceedingly heavy fire was gallantly maintained.

Orders of the major's non-commissioned nature, as neither of the majors nor their men had any idea that it was pending. It occurred to the major that the two battalions are now practically in shape to move, as their requisitions have been about completed.

Lieutenant Colonel Hammond of the Seventh regiment was appointed by Colonel Berry as adjutant and chief quartermaster, and Lieutenant Smith also issued an order yesterday morning changing the detail of several of the non-commissioned officers of the Sixth Regiment to the quartermaster's department and around headquarters. The requisitions of the First and Second Battalions, under the command of their respective officers, will be soon be entirely completed.

Lieutenant Colonel Johnson, the commander of the two battalions of the Sixth Infantry, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of the day his father led Troop K, California Cavalry Volunteers, from the State to the Civil War by buckling on his sword and taking command of his division at the hall of the President in the present emergency.

Sergeant J. Alexander of the Sacramento company of the Sixth Infantry will be promoted to be regimental sergeant-major. The citizens of Stockton have raised \$300 by popular subscription to purchase horses and present them to Lieutenant Colonel Johnson and Major G. Grant.

When the President of the State last Sunday the boys of the corps were given a grand ovation by the citizens. Captain J. Lacey will send an appropriate letter expressing the gratification of the officers and men to Mayor Johnson.

The work of making out and signing commissions for the officers of the California volunteers was completed at California State military headquarters yesterday by Governor Budd, Adjutant-General Barrett and Colonel Burgh of the Governor's staff. The commissions have been made out. These will be taken to Sacramento to-day, where the great seal of the State will be affixed, after which they will be presented to the respective officers entitled to them.

The post commissary at the Presidio received telegraphic instructions from Washington yesterday to issue ten days' field rations to the volunteers now stationed on the reservation, which instructions will be carried out to-day. As it will require the delivery of over 30,000 rations, the commissary has accepted the offer of the undertaking will be easily appreciated. The commissary, however, says he is equal to the emergency, and in fact, he is ready to meet any demand that may be made upon him at the shortest notice.

The headquarters of Captain F. de L. Carrington of the California Volunteers crowded yesterday with men who failed to pass the required physical examination to admit to the service. The commissary of the volunteer service of the United States army. Altogether, Lieutenant Tobin, acting quartermaster of the recruits' staff, has accepted a total of 188 men, who presented certificates from the captains of their respective companies certifying that they had come to San Francisco in good faith with the intention to enlist. There are still about fifty men on the reservation, which transportation will be furnished to-day.

A Sword for Tobin. The members of the Board of Health, together with all the employees of the department, met in the morning to bid farewell to Chief Laundry Inspector William F. Tobin, who will depart for Manila in a few days. A member of the staff of the Smith's staff of the First California Volunteers.

Lieutenant Tobin had been requested to come in from the Presidio, and when he appeared Dr. John C. Spencer, on behalf of his assistants and the employees, presented the young officer with a beautiful gold-mounted sword. On the scabbard were the following inscriptions: "Presented to Lieutenant William F. Tobin, United States Volunteers, by his friends in the Health Office, San Francisco, May 12, 1898. Lieutenant Tobin could only stammer his thanks and shake the hands of his associates.

HAD TO LEARN HOW TO SMOKE.

Miss Minnie Young Discovers It Is a Professional Necessity, and Succumbs.

Miss Minnie Young, daughter of Brigadier-General Young, U. S. A., is learning to smoke. The lady took her first lesson yesterday, at rehearsal at the California Theater, and while she is still diffident in expressing her opinion as to the soothing influences or the health-disturbing qualities of the weed, she made unusual progress and hopes soon to be able to distinguish between an "Egyptian Princess" and a "Nestor."

Miss Young and Miss Olive Snider, a young society belle of Oakland, are to make their professional debut on Monday evening at the California Theater in a dramatization of Ouida's popular novel "Moths." Miss Young is not a brilliant success, but it could scarcely be called a disastrous failure. A chalky parlor and deep rings under the eyes were the only visible effects of the death-dealing cigarette. Sympathetic friends have assured Miss Young that the cigarette may be conquered in two lessons, and so by Monday evening the debutante hopes to be able to not only master the weed, but gracefully expel the smoke through her nostrils.

Monday evening will be a gala night at the California. All that is left of the army and the entire 400 have arranged to be present and lend Miss Young a hand. Oakland representatives will be over to testify their appreciation of Miss Snider. Theater parties will flourish like roses in June, and the house is sure to present a magnificent spectacle with its wealth of beautifully gowned women and handsome men.

NEVILLS PILING UP THE CHARGES

Myron H. Azhderian, Mrs. Elsie Williams and Mrs. Loose Booked.

The Preliminary Examination on the First Case Postponed Until Tomorrow Morning.

Contrary to expectation, the preliminary examination of Myron H. Azhderian, Mrs. Elsie Williams and Mrs. Grace Loose, charged with extortion by Millionaire W. A. Nevills, was postponed in Judge Joachim's court yesterday morning until to-morrow morning.

When the cases were called, ex-Judge Ferral, for the defendants, answered ready; but Prosecuting Attorney Graham, after a consultation with District Attorney Barnes, asked for a continuance until to-morrow, which was vigorously opposed by Ferral. Graham replied that as Prosecuting Attorney of the court he proposed

to conduct the prosecution himself, but as Private Detective Curtin had not taken the trouble to make him conversant with the facts in the case he would have to proceed, and, therefore, he would insist upon a continuance as asked.

The Judge thought that under the circumstances it would be no injustice to the defendants to grant the continuance, but it must be understood that the cases would go on to-morrow.

Ferral then asked that the bonds of each of the defendants should be reduced to \$200. The Judge said he would have no objection if reliable sureties were offered and approved by Bond Inspector Newman. The defendants were then taken back to the City Prison, where another warrant was served upon them upon another charge of extortion. In this instance they are charged with obtaining from Nevills \$500 on February 27 by a similar threat of accusing Nevills of being false to his marriage vows. This was two days after the alleged extortion of the \$2000. The complaint, like the previous one, was drawn up in the District Attorney's office.

Memorial Day Celebration. The committee having charge of the arrangements for the celebration of Memorial day has almost completed its work. It will be impossible to have any kind of a military demonstration this year, but it is expected that many independent societies will turn out in the parade. Donations of flowers will be received in B'nai B'rith Hall on Sunday, the 24th inst., and the services will be held in Trinity Presbyterian Church.

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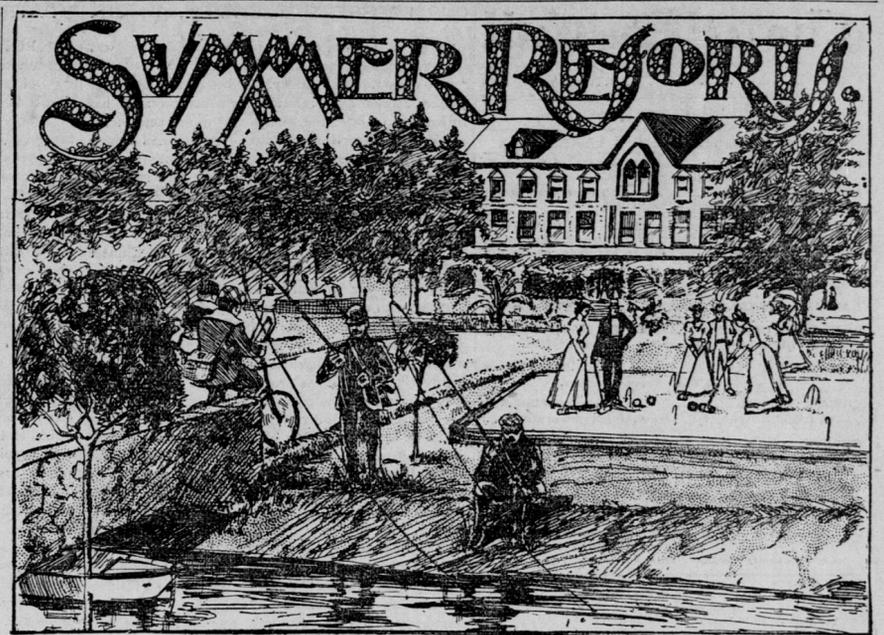
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