

# ARMY MEASURES TO COMPEL UNIFORMS MADE BY CHINESE

THE known fact that the First United States Infantry was engaged in yesterday's battle near Santiago de Cuba caused the greatest anxiety among the relatives and friends of officers and enlisted men dwelling at the Presidio to get the fullest details concerning the American losses in the engagement.

When the First Infantry boys last April marched from the Presidio along Van Ness avenue and Market street to the ferry the demonstration in their honor was one of the greatest and most sincere ever accorded to troops leaving home for the war. Many a commissioned officer left his wife and children at the post occupying the pleasant cottage to which they had been assigned in peaceful times. Among the soldiers in the ranks were many married men who parted from their near and dear to them at the reservation. Therefore the anxiety at the Presidio last night to get a list of the casualties of the battle was intense.

The First United States Infantry belongs to the Second Brigade of General Lawton's division of the Fifth Army Corps and according to the dispatches must have been among the troops opening the battle at Caney early yesterday morning, and considering the risks of war could hardly have avoided losses of men in the engagement. The regiment is composed largely of Californians, as the command had been stationed here for twelve consecutive years prior to its departure for the front.

It is presumed that the regiment was yesterday commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw. The dispatches a few days ago announced that Colonel Evan Miles had obtained leave from the War Department to return to San Francisco on account of the alarming illness of his wife.

The troops at the Presidio and Lime Point were all called out yesterday in response to general alarms to fight grass fires. The Lime Point fire approached dangerously near the tents and magazine of Fort Baker.

Colonel Smith of the First Tennessee has resolved that the men of his regiment shall have better clothing than the uniforms made in Chinatown and has consequently requested a board of survey to pass on clothing recently issued to his command.

The continent for service in the Philippines, and at the same time move the California command East and to Cuba, for the transportation of 1200 men 3000 miles is a serious matter, but the administration is justified in the undertaking for numerous reasons. In the first place it is the belief that men from different sections will fight better side by side than a division or a brigade composed entirely of men from one State would, for the reason that each regiment would strive all the harder to uphold the glory of its commonwealth and outdo the deeds of the others, while, on the other hand, if one force suffered severely, the others would lose heart at seeing so many of their own fellows falling.

Moreover, it gives the heads of the army a better chance to study the fighting qualities and discipline of the various sections when all the military States are represented in one battle and under practically the same conditions.

So far, among other reasons, the gallant Eighth, the picked command of the California volunteers, will sustain the honor and glory of the Golden State on Cuban battlefields, while the others go to invade the Eastern territory of the Don.

Beyond the steady progress made by the examining surgeons there has been little doing in Camp Barrett to-day. The hot wave struck camp with full force, and the officers have shown much consideration for the men, two hours' squad and company drill early this morning, being all that was required of them.

A furious northwest set in about 1 o'clock this morning which for a time threatened to demolish the camp. The terrific flapping of tents, snapping of lines and the clatter of tin plates awoke officers and men, and for half an hour everybody was busy making things snug. Several tents were blown down, and but for the prompt action of Captain Elliott, the temporary commander, and Adjutant Smith a great many more would have gone by the board. The wind died down after an hour or so, when the men turned out at reveille they found large quantities of hats, blouses, dishes and mess equipment banked up against the tents and men, and for half an hour everybody was busy making things snug. Several tents were blown down, and but for the prompt action of Captain Elliott, the temporary commander, and Adjutant Smith a great many more would have gone by the board. The wind died down after an hour or so, when the men turned out at reveille they found large quantities of hats, blouses, dishes and mess equipment banked up against the tents and men, and for half an hour everybody was busy making things snug.

sembled a well-soaked rag. It took so much cloth for the girth of the captain's trousers that there was not quite enough left for the legs, which accounts for his wearing them at wading length. However, Captain Barnes has already won the esteem of his men and will soon be one of the most popular officers in the regiment. He has passed the physical examination and will be mustered in with the others.

A complete guard was mounted this

## IN ALL HIS GLORY.



CAPTAIN W. S. BARNES Appears at Camp Barrett.

afternoon for the first time, with Captain Elliott as officer of the day and Lieutenant Wether as officer of the guard.

So far the camp has been remarkably free from sickness. An efficient hospital corps has been detailed from the Fifth and Second Infantry, for temporary duty, but so far all the attendants have had to do has been to treat a few minor cases of stomach trouble.

**War Incidents.**  
Lieutenant Colonel Little, Twentieth Kansas Regiment, who is sick at the Wal-

## 'CHEAP JOHN UNIFORMS.'

### Colonel Smith of the First Tennessee Asks for a Board of Survey.

There is a protest from the First Tennessee Regiment. It is not the wall of the men because they have not a table d'hote dinner every day, nor is it the old-time complaint of a lack of blankets. This time it is Colonel Smith, who has gone to Major General Otis and asked for a board of survey to pass upon the Chinatown-made uniforms that were recently delivered to the First Tennessee about a week ago, and to quote Colonel Smith, "As uniforms the garments are worthless." The entire regiment is complaining, and it has a right to, for after ten days' wear the uniforms issued are in almost a worse condition than the old uniforms that the regiment had when it arrived here.

The uniforms were made under Government contract by Hoffman & Rothchild, and these particular uniforms that were issued to the First Tennessee Regiment were, according to Colonel Smith's statements, sublet by the Hoffman & Rothchild firm to Chinatown merchants, by whom they were made.

### A TENNESSEE NIGHT.

Nellie Holbrook Biinn and General Barnes Entertain Volunteers at the C. E. Barn.

Last night was Tennessee night at the Christian Endeavor barn on Fifth avenue. It was one of those special nights that have been so successful under the skillful management of Mrs. Nellie Holbrook Biinn. Over 700 of the Tennesseans were there, headed by their commanding officer, Colonel Smith.

The entertainment was well selected and appropriate to the evening. Mrs. Biinn's recitation, "Pass away a pleasant night to Tennessee," was replied to by Colonel Smith. The colonel spoke with all the delightful cadence and diction of the southland, and he was applauded to the echo.

General W. H. L. Barnes followed in a speech full of patriotism. Music by the regimental band, by Captain John Leale and his Hawaiian quintet, and by numerous vocalists, passed away a pleasant hour until refreshments in the shape of good hot coffee and home-made doughnuts were served.

### BEWILDERED PIGEONS

Belated Birds Arrive With Messages From the Second Manila Expedition.

After battling against strong winds and impenetrable fog, another of the four carrier pigeons liberated from aboard the transport China two weeks ago reached the lofty of its owner, E. D. Connelly of Alameda, on Wednesday, with the following messages inclosed in the aluminum tube, which, although late in arrival, are still interesting. Colonel Hale, commander of Colorado's volunteers, was the author of the communication, which was written in ink on a piece of tissue-paper three and a half inches long and two inches wide. Moderate swell. Some officers and men looking dubious, but nothing serious.

### COMPETING WITH CHINESE

Sweatshop Conditions Existing Among Local Garment Workers.

At the meeting of the Labor Council last night the matter of uniforming the soldiers which has received so much notoriety of late was discussed, and the actions of Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald fully endorsed. A new phase of the matter was developed when E. J. Robbins reported for the organizing committee. About a week ago his attention was called to the fact that Neustader Bros., proprietors of the Standard Shirt Factory, were manufacturing soldiers' blouses and there was much dissatisfaction among the girls at the rate of wages received. A mild protest was made by some of the bolderspitted ones, and they were informed that the firm could not afford to pay any higher wages, and that if the girls insisted the goods would be sent "somewhere else" to be manufactured. This "somewhere else" is understood as meaning Chinatown.

Mr. Robbins at once made an investigation and found that the girls were receiving but 75 cents for a bundle of twenty-five coats, and that twenty-five was considered a day's work. He informed the girls that if their demand of \$1 per bundle were refused he would procure more work for them in the name of the Labor Council. The girls readily agreed to the proposition, but it was found unnecessary to strike, as the firm agreed to raise their wages. The next morning, however, one of the girls who took a leading part in the affair was called into the superintendent's office, and after being questioned was told that she might surmise the consequences of calling the affairs of the establishment to the attention of union men, as the firm would not tolerate an investigation by representatives of organized labor. She said she was willing to take the consequences, and was accordingly paid off.

This started Mr. Robbins and Secretary Rosenberg, of the Labor Council, to making an investigation, and they find that many girls working in establishments similar to Neustader Bros. are actually forced into competition with the Chinese, and they have determined to organize the garment workers of my county and flag.

"Fitz," as he is familiarly known, was warmly congratulated by his fellow practitioners on being called a minister to the sick and wounded who fall in the midst of battle.

### THE FOURTH FLEET.

#### Owners of the Umatilla and Acapulco Object to the Impressing of Them.

The Umatilla and Acapulco arrived from Puget Sound and Pajama yesterday, but the Government has done nothing so far toward pressing them into service. Goodall, Perkins & Co. say they will not give up either the Umatilla or Acapulco without a struggle, and if the Acapulco is taken there is sure to be a roar from the Mail Company. Goodall, Perkins & Co. reason that it will be a peculiar hardship on them, as their vessels

are all in the coasting trade, in which nothing but American vessels can engage. In the case of the Mail Company, it can charter vessels flying a foreign flag to take the place of any of its steamers taken by the Government, but if the Umatilla, Umatilla and Santa Rosa are taken there is nothing to put in their place.

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think of it please remember me to General Merritt. Had he been at the head of our army and had his say Cuba would have been conquered long ago. Your sincere J. B. POND.

Major Pond is all well known in San Francisco as he is all over with the United States. He was last here with Major Crawford, the novelist, whom he was conducting upon his four lectures. Major Pond has just received from Secretary Alger a Congressional medal of honor, presented to him for most distinguished gallantry in action at Baxter Springs, Kansas, October 8, 1882, when as a first lieutenant of the Third Wisconsin Cavalry Volunteers, commanding two companies of cavalry, he was attacked by several times his own number of the enemy's guerrillas, whom he successfully resisted.

## GIVEN A MILITARY APPOINTMENT.



### Edwin A. Forbes Named by the Governor as Major of the Eighth California Regiment.

Governor Budd on last Thursday appointed Edwin A. Forbes as one of the majors of the new California regiment, the Eighth, commanded by Colonel Henshaw, and now in the field at Camp Barrett, Fruitvale.

Major Forbes is a well-known lawyer, residing at Marysville, where he is highly respected by all who know him, both on account of his ability in his profession and his high character as a citizen. He is by no means a novice in military affairs, as he has spent eight years' service in the National Guard of California, being a member of the Second Regiment, in which he has always taken a deep interest. The appointment of Mr. Forbes as major is a very creditable one.

### Transferred to Angel Island

On next Tuesday a party of ladies, who are members of Buena Vista Parlor, N. S. G. W., will take an outing to Angel Island and present a beautiful flag to Captain Chester Miller of Company F, of the First Battalion of First Washington Volunteers. This company has been stationed at Angel Island for about two weeks. Yesterday the other three companies of the battalion under Lieutenant Colonel Pitt were attacked by the Japanese Barracks in the steamer McDowell to the island.

### Sword for Brig. Gen. Otis.

A handsome sword will be presented to Brigadier General Otis to-day by a delegation of his friends who have come all the way from Los Angeles for the purpose. Among those of the delegation are General Allen, Colonel Clarke and Messrs. Clawson and Newberry.

Last evening General Otis entertained his friends at the Columbia Theater.

### DEATH OF A LAWYER.

#### Attorney John W. Jefferson Winds Up a Spree and His Life in a Cheap Lodging-House.

John Jefferson, an attorney at law, was found dead yesterday afternoon in bed in a cheap lodging-house at 337 Sacramento street. The deceased formerly had an office with ex-Superior Judge Levy in the Nevada Bank building, and had been on a spree for several days before his death. Among his papers was a letter from Will Jefferson, a private in Company G of the First Colorado Volunteers, dated June 25, and stating that he had made diligent search for the deceased, who was his uncle, but had been unable to find him. He is said to have been a relative of the American patriot, Thomas Jefferson.

### ACROSS THE BAY TO PRISON.

#### Sentences Imposed on Several Criminals by Judge Carroll Cook.

It was sentence day in Judge Cook's department of the Superior Court yesterday. Joseph Murphy, convicted a few days ago of robbery, was sent to the penitentiary for a term of twenty years. The convict stood up a young man named Bert Cubitt and relieved him of money and jewelry of the value of \$522.

William Woods, convicted of burglary, was sent to San Quentin for ten years. Terence McCabe, for an assault with intent to commit murder upon John Kelly, received a sentence of ten years.

Prisoner in San Quentin, Raymond Marion, who suffered conviction on a charge of burglary in the second degree, was sent to San Quentin for two years. Yee Kee, a Chinese thief, was the last on the list. He was sent to the County Jail for four months for petty larceny.

### PATRIOTIC HOME HELPERS.

#### Many Donations Forwarded in Aid of the Good Work of the Society.

Contributions to the increasing fund of the Patriotic Home Helpers are rapidly assuming larger proportions as the object known to the patriotic men and women of the society becomes more generally known. The list of recent donations in aid of the destitute families of enlisted soldiers gone to the war is as follows:

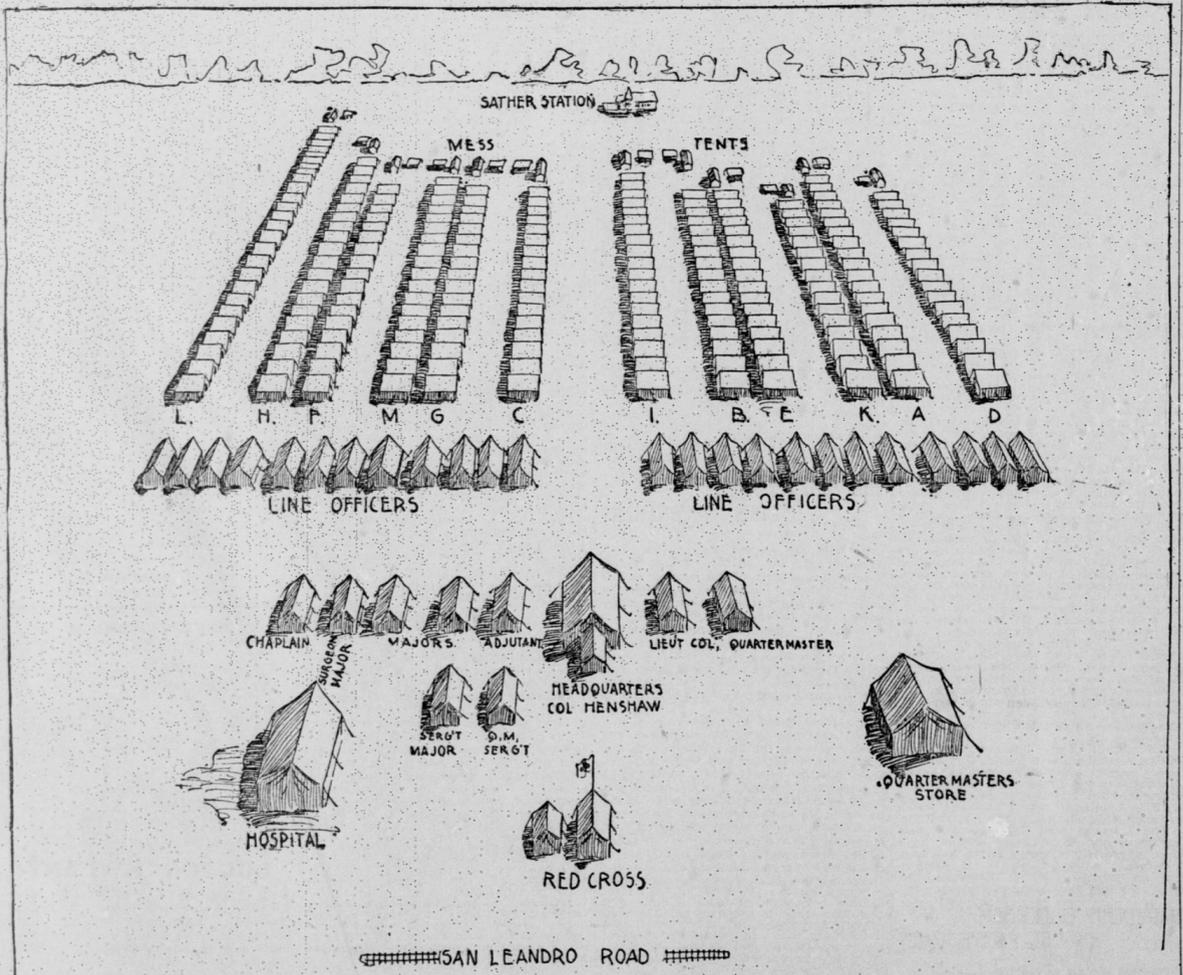
Mrs. Robert Mackenzie, \$50; Mrs. William Alvord, membership, \$10; Mrs. Charles Keeney, membership, \$10; Levi Strauss & Co., donation, \$25; Mrs. C. W. Graniss, \$5.

The California Reopens To-Night.  
The California Theater will be reopened this evening with "Uncle Tom's Cabin," cast unusually well. Rhys Thomas, L. R. Stockwell, Dr. Frank B. Robinson, H. S. Duffield, Edith Hall, Phoebe McAllister, Jessie Shirley and others will play the principal roles, and over fifty darlings will participate in the plantation scene and cake walk.

## HOT WAVE AT CAMP BARRETT

### Eighth California to Fight in Cuba—Work of the Examining Surgeons.

CAMP BARRETT, Fruitvale, July 1.—Within two months the Eighth California Volunteers will be fighting on Cuban soil. Authority for this statement comes from



## Plan of Camp Barrett, the Home of the Eighth California Regiment, at Fruitvale.

Captain W. S. Barnes who, to-day, quoted an attaché of Adjutant General Corbin's office as his informant. With such a sponsor there can be no doubt of the accuracy of the statement, for it is through that office that the movements of troops are directed, and all assignments made. The statement even went so far as to include the Eighth with the reinforcements to be dispatched to General Shafter, but it may be that Shafter will not need reinforcements by the time the regiment is ready for service, in which event it will probably be used in the operations against Havana.

To many it seems nonsensical and a foolish waste of money for the Government to send a New York regiment across

night. Other companies are in a similar predicament, but all will be relieved to-morrow night.

The examining surgeons finished with Company M this morning, examined all of Company E and got well along with K to-day. So far 50 men have gone before the surgeons, and of the first 338 21 were rejected, while 9 have been sent home out of the last lot of 312. Of 125 men in Company E only 5 were rejected. The company brought 140 into camp and has given 26 to other companies, a splendid record for the Santa Rosas.

Captain W. S. Barnes struck camp this morning in all the gorgeousness of his new regiments, and took command of Company C. The warm weather had a wilting effect on the warrior. Captain Barnes discarded his rest early, his flowing blouse disclosed a wide expanse of shirt front, topped by a collar that re-

deck Hospital, has a bad case of malarial fever, with stomach complications.

Lieutenant Kolbe, Company K, Twenty-third United States Infantry, who has been ill at the Occidental Hotel with tonsillitis, will report for duty to-day.

Private Lucien Strong, Company E, First Tennessee, who was taken ill on Thursday with pneumonia, has been removed to St. Luke's Hospital. Private Hamilton, Company D, same regiment, who died on Thursday of pneumonia, was buried in the National Cemetery at the Presidio yesterday.

First Lieutenant E. A. Edgewood, Battery B, Utah Light Artillery, arrived at Camp Merritt at noon yesterday with 106 recruits for the two batteries.

Major General Otis has under consideration the sending of the Alger Battery and Wyoming Light Artillery to join the

following message, with instructions to forward it to Mrs. Colonel Hale:

Twenty-eight miles west of Golden Gate, 4:40 P. M., June 15, 1898.

Sailed from San Francisco 1 p. m. Tremendous ovation by people on vessels and shores. Whistles, foghorns and guns. Beautiful weather at starting, but fog settled after passing Golden Gate. Moderate swell. Some officers and men looking dubious, but nothing serious.

An personally O. K., but not boasting yet. General health and spirits excellent. Received Governor Adams' farewell telegram. We will endeavor to do Colorado honor. Love and good-by.

IRVING HALE.

Of the four birds placed aboard the outgoing transport but two have returned. The first to be heard from was captured in an interior town by a lad, who wounded it with a slingshot. It carried an important communication to Major-General Merritt from Brigadier General Greene, commander of the troops en route, which

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