

CAMP MERRITT WILL BE ABANDONED THIS WEEK

THE sanitary situation at Camp Merritt with each passing day is becoming more alarming. Yesterday five soldiers who had fallen victims to this disease-breeding camp were consigned to the grave. The record of deaths and sickness is startling, and promises to proportionately equal the fatalities of the Cuban battlefields. In addition to the illness caused by the unhealthy condition of the camp, it is claimed that a great deal of the sickness has been the result of inexperience on the part of the volunteer surgeons and regimental commanders in looking after their men, and furthermore many of the soldiers are at fault for the little care that they take of themselves.

It is a noticeable fact that the percentage of sickness among the regulars has been very much less than among the volunteers. The latter carelessly expose themselves to the winds and fogs, and in some instances keep late hours and dissipate to excess. An order was recently issued in regard to the time that the men are to be in camp, but it is claimed that the regimental commanders have not strictly enforced it. Another cause of sickness is the filth of the camp, and a lack of bathing facilities.

The authorities having the power to move the troops to the Presidio are being severely criticized for the delay in this important matter, and nearly everybody at Camp Merritt is asking when the move is to be made.

Captain Thompson, the post quartermaster, yesterday said that he thought the troops might be moved this week, provided he can get the water pipes laid and the sinks dug at the Presidio. This work must be done before the troops can change their camp to the Presidio grounds. To-day all the water pipes that can be spared from Camp Merritt will be taken up and hauled to the Presidio.

General Miller stated yesterday that the moving of the troops is about to begin, and that before the end of next week Camp Merritt would be a thing of the past.

The lines between the First and Second Brigades will be more distinctly evidenced when the new camp is an accomplished fact, as it is planned to locate them in different parts of the Presidio reservation. The sites have already been chosen.

It is given out that the troops to go on the next transports—the St. Paul, Santa Fe and Arizona—will not be moved to the Presidio. Those to go on the St. Paul will take this week.

The division and post hospitals were filled to their capacity yesterday, while many of the sick soldiers are in the French and Marine hospitals. Pneumonia, typhoid, spinal meningitis, dysentery and measles are the most prevalent diseases.

Two cases of variceloid were discovered yesterday in the Seventh California. These men will be completely isolated.

CAMP MERRITT.

Sickness, Deaths, Burials Continue to Increase—Two Cases of Variceloid.

The Tennesseans lost another man yesterday. Joseph Baker, who died at the Marine Hospital from pneumonia. D. C. Baker, Company L, Fifty-first Iowa, died from the same disease and will be buried to-day at the Presidio. The Iowa now have eighteen men in the regimental hospital. Ninety answered yesterday morning to sick call.

Companies G, H, I, K, B, D and L of the First Tennessee will spend the morning at the rifle pits. The regiment is turning out some excellent marksmen.

Regimental rifles will be issued to-day to the Oregon recruits. The balance of their equipment will be issued by the last of the week.

Fred Boepfer of Company E, Twentieth Kansas, is in the regimental hospital suffering severely from a broken arm. On Saturday evening while he was boxing with a comrade of his company his right arm came in contact with his opponent's head, with the result that it was broken at the elbow. The Kansas sick list has been cut in half since the camp

FAST FOUR-OARS RACE AT EL CAMPO

SOUTH ENDS FOUL PIONEERS IN THE FIRST EVENT.

Alamedas Win in the Senior Class, and Ariel Juniors Easily Defeat Dolphins—The Time.

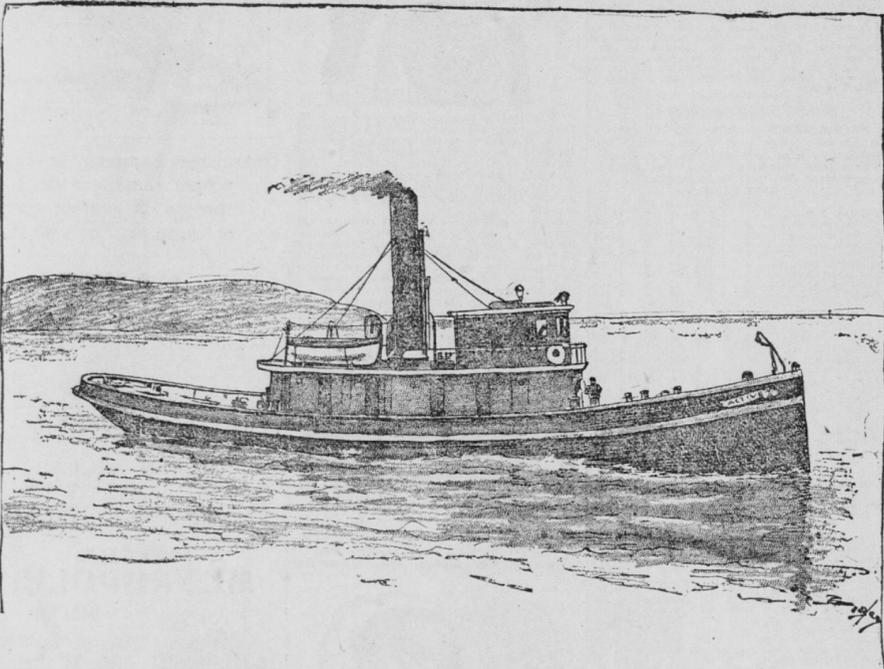
The barge races originally set for July 17 at El Campo were rowed yesterday. About midday a breeze sprang up, which freshened considerably during the afternoon, but, though the water would have been pretty rough for skiff races, it did not seriously interfere with barge-rowing. Soon after the arrival of the 12:30 p. m. train from San Francisco the senior barge race was started. There were three entries—South Ends, Alamedas and Pioneer, with choice of station in the order named. South Ends took the outside station, Pioneers the center and Alamedas the inside. The start was made at 1:30 p. m. Alamedas got the best start, and rowing a stroke of about 37, took the lead, followed by the Pioneers and South Ends. The South Ends had not yet cleared their stern down until there was little to choose between them and the Pioneers, but unfortunately the South Ends' coxswain, who provided with a substantial lunch of things that only a bacon-fed soldier knows how to properly appreciate. The Red Cross Society also is coming in for its share of praise from the appreciative Southerners.

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BEST STEEL TUBBOAT ON THE WATER.



UNION IRON WORKS Ordered to Build a Sister to the Active, Which Was Sold to the Government to Be Used as a Gunboat for the Protection of San Francisco Harbor.

THE J. D. Spreckels & Brothers Company have placed an order with the Union Iron Works for the building of a steel tubboat, a sister to the Active, which the firm recently sold to the Government for conversion into a gunboat.

As the Active was a representative of the strongest, speediest and most easily managed for her size of any of the products of the boat-builder's art, the new tubboat will be her counterpart, and will be christened the Fearless, for she will fear nothing in the tug line that rides the waters.

The Fearless will be the exact counterpart of the Active, and will be employed in the tubboat service of the J. D. Spreckels & Brothers Company to take the place of the Active. No better model can be found for the purpose than that of which the Active is a representative, hence the new boat will be built on the same lines.

The length of the Fearless will be 100 feet; breadth, 22.5 feet; indicated horsepower, 600.

was moved to the lot it now occupies. Lieutenant Scott, Twentieth Kansas, who was placed under arrest on Saturday on a charge of insubordination, was released from custody yesterday upon making apologies for his conduct and promises of good behavior.

Sergeant Collins of the Seventh California, whose sad death was announced in yesterday's Call, was buried yesterday in the Presidio plot. The regiment attended the funeral in a body. The floral pieces with which they decorated his grave were many and beautiful. Rollins' father, who arrived at camp soon after his son's death, was unable to remain for the funeral, as he was called back to San Bernardino by the sudden and serious illness of his wife.

The boys of the Tennessee regiment are sincerely grateful for the good, consistent attention that has been done among them by Mrs. A. S. Townsend during the past week. Mrs. Townsend placed 250 worth of tickets to the Sutter baths at the disposal of the regiment, and besides has seen to it that every company, on one day or another, has been provided with a substantial lunch of things that only a bacon-fed soldier knows how to properly appreciate. The Red Cross Society also is coming in for its share of praise from the appreciative Southerners.

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Infantry has been ordered to report to the chief quartermaster and assist in laying out the new camp grounds at the Presidio reservation.

General Miller will probably move his headquarters to-day from Camp Merritt to the Presidio.

THE EIGHTH CALIFORNIA.

Regimental Drills Under Colonel Park Henshaw Will Commence This Week.

CAMP BARRETT, Sather Station, July 24.—The rumor that the Eighth Regiment was to march around the bay to San Francisco via San Jose is denied by the officials to-night. The only way to account for any such absurd statement is the fact that Colonel Henshaw and Lieutenant Colonel Carrington have been looking about for a suitable tract of land where the regiment may be taken out for a drill in one body.

The concert this afternoon by the Regimental band was enjoyed by several thousand visitors. Principal Musician Gomez has brought his band to a rare state of excellence in the two weeks which he has had them in training.

Among the visitors were Mrs. Elliott, wife of Captain William Elliott of Com-

pany D, San Rafael; Mrs. S. M. N. Sprout, Miss Alice Sprout and Mrs. E. W. Furlong of Chico; ex-Councilmen Harrison White and Ellis Morrow of Santa Rosa; R. D. Murphy of San Jose; ex-Captain Thomas McClay and C. West of Petaluma.

The first regimental service conducted by Chaplain Oliver C. Miller was held from 9 to 10 o'clock in the open air in the regimental street. A number of the Christian men assisted by leading the singing, which was followed by a short address from the chaplain.

The members of the Redding company have been greatly delighted by the receipt, by their captain, of the following letter:

REDDING, Cal., July 23, 1898.
Captain Lyons, Company H, Eighth Regiment, Camp Barrett, Fruitvale—Dear Sir: Inclosed please find check for one hundred and eight and 25/100 (\$108 25) dollars, for which please acknowledge. Yours truly,
O. E. NASH,
H. CHRIESCHMIDT,
J. WHITE,
Committee.

P. S.—To be used for benefit of Company H, Eighth Regiment, as the boys see fit.

The San Francisco Red Cross Society gave Captain Lyon of Company H an order for eighteen pairs of shoes for his men.

Nearly every company sent details into Oakland to attend divine services at the various churches this evening. Captain Lyon and twenty men of Company H, Redding, were at the Tenth Avenue Baptist, where the pastor, Rev. C. M. Hill, spoke of the "Religious Side of the War."

and my honest conviction is that the grandest statesman, the noblest of purpose and best equipped in character on earth to-day is the President of the United States." He paid a tribute to woman by saying that every good woman is a queen.

During the afternoon an offering for the Army and Navy Christian Commission work was in order and liberally responded to. The exercises closed with "The Star-Spangled Banner," sung by Miss Ellen M. Marks, the audience joining in the chorus.

They Object to Double Tracks.
A mass meeting of representative citizens and property owners of the Mission district will be held to-morrow evening for the purpose of organizing to protest against the construction of the double track by the Southern Pacific Company from Third and Townsend streets to the county line. A petition will be framed and forwarded to the Superintending Engineer of the Mission and the sentiment of the people will be expressed in character on earth to-day is the President of the United States." He paid a tribute to woman by saying that every good woman is a queen.

TROOPS AT THE PRESIDIO.

Another Death in the Division Hospital — Engineer Corps Wants to Go to Hawaii.

Private Joseph Baker, Company B, First Tennessee Regiment, who was brought to the division hospital on Saturday afternoon suffering with acute dysentery, died there the same night.

The remains of Private Lewis, Company H, Sixth California Regiment, who died at the post hospital on Saturday of pneumonia, were removed yesterday to Merced by his parents.

Major Owen said yesterday that the division hospital was full, but that to-day he would discharge a number of men as cured, and that he would secure a number of cots to-day so that he would have plenty of room.

The Third Battalion of the First Regiment of Washington Volunteers is expected here this week. With its arrival the regiment will be nearly together, as the Second Battalion is doing duty in the State.

The Utah troop of cavalry will leave the Presidio on the 5th of August. Captain Cate will be in command of the portion that goes to the Yosemite Valley, and the first lieutenant will command the detail for Sequoia Park.

The Corps of Engineers under Major Langitt are ready and anxious to go to Honolulu, and the very probable time the command will be sent there. The men need a few more shoes and pants and a few tools, and they will be in shape for any kind of duty.

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There is no day of rest for the ladies of the Red Cross. Visiting hospitals, comforting the sick and supplying the many wants of the boys in blue in these busy war times gives them very little time for recreation. Yesterday 1500 soldiers, representing Camp Merritt and Presidio, visited the ferry hospital rooms of the society and were refreshed with delicious coffee, sandwiches and fruit. Many couples heard long tables penning letters to loved ones at home, and many read of their comrades already in the field. Letters heard the ladies were properly stamped and sent on to their destination.

The committee has prepared cheer for the 400 Washington volunteers who are expected in to-day. Mrs. I. Lowenberg, chairman of the hospitality committee, has prepared a very nice dinner, bread, butter, coffee and sugar to the ferry, as many hundred soldiers visit the Red Cross daily and are the guests of the society.

The Christian Commission work. The Christian Commission tent in the First New York begins to-day, and the Presidio was crowded yesterday, the first service being held at 11 o'clock by the chaplain. Every facility for letter-writing and other conveniences as a headquarters for men have been provided.

The two batteries at Fort Point have been provided with a tent, which is highly appreciated by the men. Services will be held there at least three evenings a week, and the Mothers' Sewing Club will endeavor to reach the tent once or twice a week to sew for the boys.

The Crittenton meetings were open at Camp Merritt this evening promise to be largely attended, as Mr. Crittenton is a very popular speaker and the boys have been expecting his coming.

The executive committee of the commission will meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Occidental Hotel, when steps will be taken looking toward the organization of the commission in the various cities of the State.

Reserved seats, 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 70.50, 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