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CAPTAIN STRITZINGER IS BUSY ORGANIZING

Captain Frederick S. Stritzinger is busy organizing the 23rd Infantry of the United States.

A City 300000 Hospital and Camp with 100000 Soldiers and 100000 Nurses.

"Camp Denning," which is being built on the west side of the city, is being organized by Captain Stritzinger.

Captain Stritzinger, 23rd Inf., is in charge of the camp. He is a native of New York and has been in the service for more than a quarter of a century. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United States Army.

Things have been moving with a vengeance all this week, the force of which, and employees resembling a section of the war department. Everything moves like a clock and as the great army of troops come in, they will just naturally fall into place as though they were molded to fit.

According to the present report of the First Infantry Regiment of Alabama, are on route and will arrive at any time, and according to headquarters advices received, the First Regiment of West Virginia will arrive next in order, exactly when no one can tell.

"I want to make this just as much a Denning institution as I can," said Capt. Stritzinger to the Graphic, and he is carrying out his plan to the very best of his ability. Major W. F. Truby, Gen. Bell's chief surgeon, has been placed at the head of the medical corps, and will be joined by Capt. F. L. Weed, a sanitary inspector. General Orders No. 1, a sanitary document of very great importance, is published on our editorial page this week and should be read by every citizen, who desires to understand perfect sanitation.

The war department has authorized the erection of a \$10,000 semi-permanent hospital, which is rapidly assuming form on west Pine street, opposite the T. G. Upton place. A mammoth warehouse is going up (300x40 feet) on the joint S. P. Santa Fe track east of the stock yards. The necessary camp buildings are being pushed with all due speed. So far as is practicable, the quartermaster desires to patronize all local dealers and to employ all local workmen who are not otherwise engaged. It is impossible for any one to tell the approximate number of officers and troops we shall get until they arrive. In a general way it is expected that there will be six regiments of infantry, four troops of cavalry, two batteries of artillery, the ambulance corps and those in charge of the field hospital, camp headquarters and brigade headquarters. Whether the units are mustered in at peace or war strength will depend on exact number. There will be a lot of them at any rate.

If the troops can measure up, in comparison with the officers and Q. M. staff, they will be a credit to the whole southwest. Captain Frederick Stritzinger, 23rd Inf., quartermaster in charge, has been for more than a quarter of a century in the service, serving at times in Alaska and the Philippines. He is a Mason of high degree and

Mayor's Presentation

I hereby present all troops to the city of Denning. We want to show our guests a clean town.

M. A. NORDHAUS Mayor

Highly good citizens for any community. His wife and four children reside in Omaha and we want to extend them a most cordial invitation to join the "band of the home" in Denning. Major W. F. Truby head of the medical corps, was Gen. Bell's chief surgeon and has been for 18 years in the service, part of the time in Porto Rico and Cuba. A fine type of U. S. A. He will continue to occupy bachelor apartments at the Thurmond residence.

The office staff, furnished by the war department, were above 95 per cent, only about 4 per cent less than Denning wages, they are all crazy about. W. H. Cox, Q. M. S., chief clerk, has been with his Uncle Samuel for 27 years, and helped to regulate the Philippine affairs. He hails from President Wilson's state. C. H. Mohl, is a Michigan man and former pupil and great admirer of Gov. Ferris. He is a Sigma Nu and wears the title of LL. B. from Georgetown University, Washington. A former member of the Michigan National guard.

Thomas Robinson has been with the U. S. A. 24 years, a portion of the time in the Philippines and Alaska. He is a 32-degree Mason.

Thos. F. Moran for 33 years has been serving his country, and was 1st lieutenant and scout in the Philippines. He and his sons have a stock farm in Arkansas and are raising pure-bred Duroc-Jersey hogs.

A. G. Rowan, the blonde young man comes through civil service from Washington. G. W. Shaffer is a former National Guardsman from Mississippi and Texas.

Howard Carpenter, Q. M. C., eleven years, is a native of Maine, and comes from New York to enjoy the Denning climate.

E. D. Smith, Q. M. C. ten years comes to us from Portland, Ore., and likes the change. H. Weiner, in the civil service nine years, is a former railway and steamship man. He hails from the Quaker city.

B. B. Ballanfant is an old timer in delighting the boys with pay checks and will continue in that capacity. L. J. Ryan, has been wearing the uniform twenty years, Q. M. S. etc., Cuba and the Philippines.

J. L. Douglass, 33 years with Uncle Sam, shriner and otherwise representative. C. H. Price has been posting up for thirty years, and knows a lot about the business.

This is the list thus far. Many other good men will follow. Welcome all, gentlemen. Make yourselves at home.

Harry and JoWilla Surprised 'Em

Harry C. Bell and Miss JoWilla Watkins, two of our popular young people, were married by Rev. Porter of the El Paso Methodist church on Tuesday of this week. JoWilla was elected as one of the city teachers and was spending her vacation with relatives in Texas. The young people met in El Paso and put one over on their friends, who now hasten to congratulate them on their return. They will reside at Capitol Dome.

On July 28 and 29 professional and first grade examinations will be held in the office of Miss Grace G. Goebel, county superintendent of schools. Applicants for professional subjects should call for such subject, as it will be needed in time to notify the department of education.

E. E. Neyland, of the Phelps-Dodge Co. of Bisbee, Ariz., is the guest of J. A. Turney.

MILITARY NEWS FOR LOCAL MEN

William Clark, Captain of 23rd Inf. Company, is in Denning.

CO. "I" IS IN FINE CONDITION

Other interesting information about the "Belle Front" that is worth while knowing.

The First Regiment of New Mexico Infantry, is now a fact, the last company being mustered in almost a week ago. There is no more of the old state troops on the border. Besides being thoroughly acclimated the New Mexicans are well drilled and equipped for any kind of service it may be called upon to perform. Up to the present time, the regiment has formed a part of the punitive expedition, but last Sunday it was relieved of duty at the base of communications and placed under Col. Nichols of the border patrol. It is possible that the regiment may be broken up and sent to various stations on the New Mexico border. Just where Co. "I" may go is not known. The boys are a little disappointed in losing an opportunity to go into Mexico, but are willing to assume the task of patrolling the border and protecting the citizens of New Mexico from the despised Mexican bandits. They feel, and all are, adequate to meet the conditions imposed.

Denning faced well when the first promotion in the regiment was made. Heading the list was John C. Watson promoted to be a captain, next Clyde Earl Ely, to be first lieutenant; H. E. Bechtel, sergeant-major, to second lieutenant. It is also rumored that another Denning enlisted man is soon to wear shoulder straps. These promotions make important vacancies to be filled by non-commissioned officers in Co. "I". Earnest endeavor coupled with intelligence as usual, favored the Denning soldiers. Denning citizens win every time. Everyone is interested in the possibility of having a large militia camp located at Denning. The chief consideration is possibly water supply. It is said that the water in sufficient quantities cannot be obtained on the tract just north of Columbus, leased for a large camp. The inadequacy of the El Paso water supply is well known. At El Paso state troops are camping on broken mesa ground, where in some instances the soldier had to carry earth in their ponchos to build out over arroyos, for room to pitch tents.

The well drained and level stretches free of brush near Denning has, no doubt, at last caught the eye of the "big guns" of the war department. Co. "I" of course, will not be sent to Denning, the necessity of training men in a concentration camp is not needed for Co. "I" and the whole New Mexico regiment for that matter, as they are being fully prepared to take their places in the first line.

HOW ABOUT THOSE MAGAZINES YOU'VE FINISHED

The Denning library would appreciate it if you would send all magazines you have already read, and desire to donate, to the library, or to the fire house. If you would help them along in their good work and further a movement to furnish reading to those who desire it, attend to this at once and send the magazines as soon as you are through reading them.

The library wishes to announce the following gifts during the past week and takes this means of thanking the donors; 1-work of fiction, Miss Wilma Dall; 1 book on rates and regulations, Santa Fe Ry. Co., and a bottle of shellac from Olen Featherston.

Don't forget the magazines. Remember we are going to have quite a few additional readers to supply in the next few days.

MINING DEAL IS CONSUMMATED

Col. Smith and C. M. Cotton interest a number of big capitalists in San Miguel Mining Deal.

WILL ERECT A FINE SMELTER

Company will have small capitalization and large dividends; much valuable ore on the dump.

"Well, did we do anything? I should say we did," exclaimed C. M. Cotton on his return from California and Arizona, where he and Col. Smith have been financing the great San Miguel Mining property. In about ten days they raised a hundred thousand dollars and will at once erect a plant for the making of 90 per cent copper.

The company include such well-known capitalists as M. L. Powers, president of the City National Bank, Flagstaff, and his associate, Mr. C. N. Cotton and Thomas Quebedaux, well known bankers of Gallup; Valentine Peyton of California, Col. P. R. Smith and C. M. Cotton. The stock is subscribed with the understanding that there is more ore in sight than the amount subscribed.

The official report of the expert geologist and mining engineer, Wm. Jenks, says that in addition to the vast bodies of ore, he found a block of ore about 800x1000 feet, in every respect as good in appearance as any that mine ever produced, which according to government reports and similar returns, carries 2 1/2 to three ounces of silver and 64 to 65 per cent copper, from that down to 48 and 50 per cent.

A short time ago a man went and picked up a wagon load from the dump that netted him, after paying smelter charges, \$160.70. The writer saw the smelter returns for this and many other shipments.

The company is organized with only \$300,000, and there is no stock for sale, although it is thought that Col. Smith may favor a few of his close personal friends.

There is enough ore in sight in the San Miguel mine to run a hundred years or so.

You've got to hand it to our loyal veteran booster, Col. Smith.

CALIFORNIAN BUYS THE NEW BIG DENNING STEAM LAUNDRY

Gus. P. Webber has purchased the big Denning laundry of H. G. Bush and Frank Messer and has entered into active work. Frank will remain with the new proprietor and there will be some things there the coming moons. Denning extends the glad hand to Mr. Webber.

Big Railreaders Here

Supt. F. E. Summers of the Santa Fe and Supt. Fitzgerald of the S. P., traveling freight and passenger agent Hallmark and engineer Mathews of the S. P. Co., came Tuesday to confer with Capt. Stritzinger on making arrangements for handling large freight shipments and bodies of troops. The conference was satisfactory to both sides. Agents Clark and Henderson and roadmaster Butler were on the job, the Graphic man helping with that chaperone stuff.

The bunch are all Denning boosters. Mrs. W. W. Comer and daughters Zella and Laura of Denning, N. M., who were guests at the Westerns since Wednesday of last week, left Tuesday for an extended trip before their return to their western home. They will visit Washington, New York, Boston, Quebec, and other points.—Elk Rapids, Mich. Progress.

The big "Togger" ad is quite noticeable this week.

Welcome to the President

Washington, D. C. 7-12-16 My Dear Mr. Lane: May I not express to you and through you, to the Chamber of Commerce of Denning, my very warm appreciation of the compliment they have paid me in making me a member of the Chamber of Commerce. I am very proud to have been remembered. Cordially and sincerely yours, WOODROW WILSON

J. S. VAUGHT HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH GEN. PERSHING

The next day after the 4th, J. S. Vaught, the popular and efficient assistant district attorney of Luna county responding to a call from "somewhere in Mexico," from Gen. John J. Pershing, left for the Mexican army base in a special "Dodge" accompanied by Col. E. C. Abbott, following closely a motor truck train. They arrived at the General's headquarters (wherever it is) on the 7th and remained until the 13th as honored guests at headquarters, Vaught being probably the only private citizen in the state thus honored.

The trip was full of interest every minute, and although no information can be given out as to the business with the great soldier, it is known they visited the now historical towns of Ascension, old and new Casas Grandes, Colonia Dublin and the old Montezuma ruins, where Vaught secured several pieces of pottery four to five thousand years old.

He had a long talk with scout Spillsbury who was captured in the Carrizal fight and got off with his head. He reports the condition in Mexico as pitiful in the extreme, poverty and distress showing on every hand. There is a lot he could tell but he was instructed not to "talk too much."

In order to be "military" Vaught was dressed like a real soldier and sure looked the part. He secured a bunch of red cochineal bugs, which are on display at the Palace and Rosser Drug stores.

Harry Whitehill Does Good Act

Lieutenant H. E. Bechtel, who for a few weeks is ranking the captain as acting regimental adjutant, was receiving the congratulations of his friends here this week, related to the Graphic, that Harry K. Whitehill had presented fine cavalry horses to himself and Major Bell, and that the animals would be put to use in camp.

On his return to Columbus, he took Dr. Swope's fine saddle horse, which cannot be "outranked" in the regiment.

THE HULLS ARE BOUND TO KEEP AHEAD OF THE GAME

In an interview with T. Seth Hull, Wednesday, he said: "We have ordered our big pipe organ, through J. M. Crawford of this city. It is one of the finest medium priced instruments made.

It is a brand new \$4500 instrument and has all the up-to-date orchestra effects, from a steamboat whistle up to a swift gust of wind rushing through an oak forest.

It is to be here right after the 1st of August and a man from the factory will see to its installation and give some concerts on it played both manually and automatically. You've got to hand it to the Hulls.

Everybody Good

"Nothing doing in the criminal business," says Sheriff Simpson this morning. Everybody must be good. "Everything quiet at night," says night police Tabor.

That's the Denning idea.

Captain John C. Watson, one of the much loved officers of the regiment, was greeting his scores of friends here for a day or two.

A VALUABLE DEED FROM UNCLE SAM

Non. Perry W. Turner Gets a Deed From Government on Desert Entry Law of 1820, First Law

ESTABLISHES VALUABLE FACT

Of Interest to All Homesteaders in This Region. First of Its Kind Issued, so Far as Known

Perry W. Turner has proven up on his half-section ranch, the "Paradise Farm" at Myndus, under the act of Congress of April 14, 1820, 96 years ago, which was the first public land law enacted by the United States. The granting of this deed from the government to Mr. Turner is the first of its kind granted in this region, so far as is known, and establishes beyond question the straight titles that can be given to real developers. It proves that the government titles issued to homesteaders are as solid as the rocky mountains with which this region is blessed.

DENNING IS PREPARING FOR A MODERN AMUSEMENT PARK

D. M. Pryor and Phil Estes, who know how to conduct things right, have taken a long time lease on about 100 acres of ground adjoining the city limits on the south and will construct a half-mile race track, grand stands and all the necessary equipment for an amusement park, and is practically sure that there will be in operation a continuous "real wild west show," mixed with some high class base ball, polo, and all kinds of athletic field sports. Complete particulars will be published soon.

DENNING MOURNS THE DEATH OF W. E. BARNES, OF S. P. CO.

A good friend of Denning is gone. In fact he was a good friend to everybody in the whole southwest. W. E. Barnes, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who on Sunday passed to the higher life following a somewhat protracted illness at the San Francisco hospital, was a man who made the world brighter and better for other people. He was faithful to his employers and true to his friends, whom he numbered by the thousands. It is doubtful if an official in the employ of the great railway system would be more genuinely missed. Denning mourns the passing of this good man.

Gala Red Cross Tag Day

Every man, woman and child in Denning and Luna county will be tagged with a Red Cross Saturday next and the members of the Denning Branch of the National Red Cross Association are working valiantly to that end. The business and residential sections will be canvassed by squads of the maids and matrons of the smart set, whose business it will be to see that no one is minus a tag. Mrs. Mayme Williams, assisted by Mrs. Harry Lane and Mrs. J. Harrington McLaughlin will be stationed at the Harvey House to solicit membership in the association. Mrs. M. J. Moran will have charge of the young ladies' squad. The Misses Helen Holt, Jessie Guiney, Marion Hamilton, Kathleen Sullivan, Isabel Sevier, and the younger members of the society, Misses Lucile Ward and Margaret Moran will assist. The committees will meet Saturday morning at nine-thirty at the office of Dr. Janet Reid. The Williams Band have kindly consented to further the cause by rendering patriotic airs during the hours of the canvass of the business district.

Beatrice Walter vice-president.

WELCOME SOLDIERS!