

## VOLUNTEERS START HOME

Otis Cables That He Is Getting a Move—Orders From Washington.

### RAN INTO A HORNET'S NEST

American Soldiers Strike a Filipino Stronghold—Other News.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Three cable messages from General Otis were received at the war department today as follows: "The following is from Cebu today: Bandits from the Cebu mountains, are robbing and impressing people of the coast towns. Monday Lieutenant Moore with a detachment of the Twenty-third infantry, while scouting in the mountains, were fired upon from a strongly fortified position; one private was killed, name not given. No other casualties. The enemy's loss was five bandits killed and seven captured. Bell has enlisted about five hundred men. Wallace is still south and has about four hundred. Lockett is now enlisting and has over four hundred applications, which are coming in rapidly. Might raise here an additional regiment exclusively of volunteers."

The Colonel Bell referred to is in command of the Thirty-sixth infantry and Colonel Wallace of the Thirty-seventh. Colonel Lockett is in command of a cavalry regiment that will be raised in the Philippines.

"The storm has abated. The Sherman is coaled and leaves today with all the troops from California. The Grant is being coaled and leaves in about four days with troops from North Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho. The Minnesotas are preparing to leave on the Sheridan, as soon as the transport can be unloaded and coaled. Other volunteer organizations will leave as soon as transports are available."

#### SEND THEM HOME, QUICK.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—General Otis has been cabled to send the volunteers home as rapidly as possible.

#### Amusements.

The Rose Stillman Comedy company will play at the Duncan Opera House the entire week, commencing Monday, July 31. A new comedy will be presented every night. Monday, "Comforts of Home, or A Crazy Idea," one of the best farcical comedies ever written will be the bill. Ralph Riggs, the comedian of the company, has made equally as great a hit through the west as Rose Stillman, and will be seen to advantage in "A Crazy Idea." Among the plays to be presented during the week will be found some new comedies never before given in Las Vegas.

Monday night ladies will be admitted free when accompanied by a paid reserved seat ticket purchased before 6 p. m. on day of sale, at the usual places.

#### HERE TO RECRUIT.

Lieutenant Coleman of the Thirty-fourth Now in Town.

Lieutenant Sherrard Coleman and Abe Levison, both of the Thirty-fourth infantry arrived in Las Vegas this morning from Santa Fe and opened a recruiting office in the Maiboe building on Fountain square. Dr. Smith has been appointed examining surgeon and a number of applications were received before the office was in fact opened.

Lieutenant Coleman stated this morning that the physical examination prescribed is of the most rigid sort, the aim being to secure young men who are as near physical perfection as it is possible to secure them.

"The Thirty-fourth," he stated, "is being recruited entirely in the western states and territories and will be a crack military organization. All the field officers are regular army men. It will have 1,309 privates and fifty officers when recruited to its full strength."

A number of recruits had offered themselves at Santa Fe, he said. Four had been accepted and fifteen rejected.

"Very few of our Rough Riders," he continued, "are able to stand the physical examination necessary to enter the Thirty-fourth on account of the privations undergone by them in the Cuban campaign. A number were wounded and that fact would operate against them. Then nearly all have been shaking the past winter and spring from fever contracted in Cuba."

Lieutenant Coleman stated that his stay here depended largely on the number of recruits that can be secured in this vicinity.

Up to 4 o'clock this afternoon eight out of thirteen applicants had been favorably acted upon. They were: Smith Orwick, William J. Love, Felipe J. Sandoval, Joseph F. Carnes, Frank W. McKay, Earl F. Tyler, Frank W. Schenk and Daniel D. Harkness.

#### An Enjoyable Evening.

A most enjoyable impromptu musical was given last evening in the parlors of the Castaneda. Mrs. Gross of St. Louis, who is a most excellent vocalist, sang several fine selections and Miss Knickerbocker charmed her auditors with "Angel's Serenade" and other pieces that amply sustained her high reputation. A. L. Kraeger, who, it seems, is a master of the violin, accompanied Miss Knickerbocker in the rendition of the "Dream" by playing an obligato. Mrs. Denton, wife of the manager of the Castaneda, presided at the piano in a manner that won congratulation and admiration. Mrs. Hill, the well known elocutionist, recited several pieces most effectively. Emmet Carter sang "Oh! Promise Me," and "I Love Her Just the Same," with telling effect and was heartily applauded.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Gross of St. Louis; Miss Etta Lou Carter of Jefferson City, Mo.; Miss Knickerbocker, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Denton, A. L. Kraeger, Emmet Carter, Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Gortner, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Major and Mrs. Whitmore, W. K. Etter and F. B. Lowell of Kansas City.

#### An Inhuman Brute.

Pedro Barela is now a prisoner in the county jail charged with the crime of incest. His eighteen-year-old daughter, Antonia Barela, soon to become a mother, being the victim. The truthfulness of the charge is denied by both Barela and his daughter but those interested in the case have taken steps to prosecute him and have had guardians appointed by the probate court for his children, the mother having died several years ago. Felipe Delgado y Lucero was appointed guardian for Margarita Barela; E. Esquivel, guardian for Isabel Barela; Francisco Armijo, guardian for Juanita Barela; Blasida Hernandez for Antonia Barela. Ernesto Barela, a young son, was adopted by Catarino Sena and wife.

The probate court also appointed guardians for the three children of Bonifacio Mares, who was convicted at the last term of court of the crime of rape and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and who appealed his case but languishes in jail, not being able to secure bond pending his trial.

The hearing for the custody of the minor child of the late Daniel Romero was argued in probate court. An uncle of the child petitions for its custody. There are seven witnesses on one side of the case and five on the other.

#### The Dead Outlaw.

Sam Ketchum, the train robber who was wounded in the fight at Cimarron a week ago died at the penitentiary at Santa Fe Monday. He is supposed to have been born and raised in Tom Green county, Texas, and at the time of his death was about 43 years old. He has a brother living at San Angelo, who is quite a wealthy cattleman and the body will be shipped there for burial.

Sam Ketchum followed the range for several years and then began to gamble. He followed a sporting life until, five years ago, he joined his brother, Tom Ketchum, "Black Jack," and has doubtless been connected with many of the crimes perpetrated in New Mexico in the past few years. Tom and Sam are supposed to have been the men who killed young Herzstein at Liberty and robbed his store. It is also likely that he was connected with the train robbery at Folsom a year ago and may have been connected with the robberies that have occurred during the past few months at Gallup, Belen, Glorieta, Las Vegas and Trinidad.

Train No. 2 was five hours late this morning on account of a washout that occurred last night near Laguna. The train was stopped at Gallup and the passengers notified of the delay, which was at first estimated at twelve hours. The time was more than cut in half by the energy of the railroad people in constructing a temporary track. It seems from all accounts, that a short bridge was undermined.

F. M. Johnson, who has charge of the party of government surveyors now engaged in correcting the error in the west boundary line of the Las Vegas land grant, arrived in town last evening from the scene of the survey and will remain here for a day or two before returning. He is accompanied by J. W. Purman, a member of the party.

#### Hay Picnic.

Last evening a party of young ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a "hay picnic" to Komroville, taking along nice refreshments and all express themselves as having had a big time.

A big platform wagon was secured and filled with hay. The young people who composed the party were: Mattie Blackwell, Laura, Helen, Eva and Ada Springer, Helen and Esther McNair, Belle Rogers and Mary La Rue; Messrs. S. B. Davis, Albert Rogers, Ned and Hal Reynolds, Ollie Erickson, Jack Mennet, McMillen, Nichols and Mitchell.

#### On a Business Visit.

President Sanders and Professor Keffer of the agricultural college at Mesilla Park are in the city today and together with R. E. Twitchell, who was recently appointed a member of the board of regents, paid a trip to the experimental station north of Las Vegas. It is understood that some improvements are contemplated. The visiting gentlemen will doubtless discover during their visit here that Mr. Twitchell is a man of very considerable energy and is a "whole team" when and aggressiveness are needed.

#### Doesn't Believe in Strikes.

The news that the messenger boys in New York City are out on a strike was received with a good deal of interest by the Las Vegas representatives.

"We couldn't do that here a little bit," said the Western Union boy, as he handed a message to the telegraph editor. "Why, we'd lose our jobs in a minute."

"Then you don't believe in strikes?" "M-m-huh You bet I don't," said the young America as he darted from THE OPTIC office, and mounted his wheel.

The Hoskin-Use-Bankin Co. (Ltd.) broke up the pleasant partnership today that has existed between them for upwards of two weeks past and, like the Arabs, folded up their tents. Instead of stealing away, however, tents, baggage and babies were loaded in and on a box car at the Hot Springs station and landed safely in Las Vegas. The party has had a delightful experience camping out and was loath to leave its pleasures behind.

#### Ordered Out Troops.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 25.—Henderson Tunstall, a negro who killed Justice of the Peace J. K. Hamilton at Blount Springs, last Friday night, while resisting arrest, was captured at Cullman last night. When the news reached Blount Springs a mob formed to go to Cullman and lynch Tunstall. The mob left Blount Springs on a north bound passenger train at 1 p. m. today. The governor has ordered out the Birmingham rifles to protect the negro.

#### Says It Was Canned Fruit.

LONDON, July 25.—Much excitement has been caused here by the mysterious poisoning of a score of guests of the Court hotel, which, it is alleged, was due to American canned fruit. F. W. Bartlett of Philadelphia died during the night. The fruit was eaten a week ago. All partook of it were made ill, one dying on July 21st. The medical certificate assigned gastro-enteritis as the cause of his death.

Call at the Steam Laundry for a Japanese fan.