

VOLUNTEERS SOON TO RETURN

Their Places in the Philippines Will Be Filled By Regulars From Cuba. Special correspondence of The Florida Star.

MANILA, May 9.—Preparations for the returning home of the thousands of American volunteers now in service throughout the islands are much in evidence. Large stretches of land adjoining Manila and lying near the bay are being leveled and drained for the pitching of the tents of the eastward bound bluecoats, most of whom will be mobilized here. Additional docking facilities for the fleet of transports required to accommodate the soldiers are being arranged, and the war department officials are confident that but little confusion or delay will attend the embarkment of the men.

The time set for the disbandment of the volunteers is June 30, 1901. The problem now confronting the authorities is how to get the 31,000 soldiers of that army away from the Philippines before the date named and relieve them with troops from the "regulars" without loss of prestige and without material disturbance of the present military organization. The districts surrounding Manila will be inadequate to the demands for space, and in consequence many of the men will probably sail from Iloilo. The plaza in the middle of that city is well adapted for encampment purposes.

In a cable dispatch from Washington are statements made by Adjutant General Corbin concerning the transfer of the fighters. The general says it is proposed to maintain an army of 40,000 regulars in the Philippines as long as required. To do this will necessitate drawing on the troops stationed in Cuba and in the United States. The army now scattered among the islands has a strength of about 62,000, equally divided between regulars and volunteers. All of the latter are to be mustered out on the appointed date at the place of their original enlistment. In order to accomplish this with certainty and with little embarrassment the movement is to begin early in November next. As was the case with the volunteers for the Spanish-American war, they will be taken home, so far as possible, in the order of their departure from the United States.

The fulfillment of this task will tax the transport service to its utmost. A sufficient margin of time, however, will



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be allowed to guard against any possible disarrangement of schedules.

To do away with any immediate reduction of the force now under General MacArthur it has been decided to send regular troops to the Philippines as quickly as they can be got ready to take the places of the departing volunteers. Word has been received here of the issuance of orders for the assembling of the Sixth United States cavalry at San Francisco for transportation to Manila within a few weeks.

One detachment of that regiment is to leave about June 15 and another shortly afterward. The belief is that most of the troops in Cuba can be relieved from duty in that country at the conclusion of the elections which occur there June 15. In case the conditions justify it the retiring volunteers will be sent to the United States at once thereafter and assigned to home stations, while Governor General Wood's garrisons will proceed immediately to recruit the army in the far east.

The soldiers on the island of Luzon seem to be enjoying better health than one would imagine from reading some of the accounts printed in the American newspapers, large numbers of which are brought in on every steamer. The rainy season, unfortunately, is due in about 45 days. Then the state of affairs may be reversed. An expert estimate of the sanitary condition of the troops is afforded by an interview with one of the nurses in the Manila hospital.

"The ones here who served in the terrible epidemic of fever in the south during the memorable summer of 1898," she said, "find the work comparatively light. There is a trifling number of typhoid fever cases. The majority of those at present needing medical attention are affected with malaria and dysentery.

"Those who have been here sufficiently long to have seen a rainy season tell us of the wonderful things we

may expect between the months of July and September. The hospitals are then overrun with people suffering from rheumatism and pneumonia. The percentage of illness among the troops is small. So also is the death rate of the hospital inmates. Forty nurses are now on duty, and more are expected to arrive on the Thomas, which is billed to reach Manila inside of ten days."

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One day last summer I was out with my camera in the vicinity of a hayfield where the grass was being cut. The hay cutters had just disturbed Mrs. Hedgehog and her babies. The poor little things had not yet got their eyes open. I borrowed a basket from a house near and took the whole family home. We established them in a large box, with bread and milk and a supply of snails for the night. Next morning my sister arranged them while I photographed them—by no means an easy matter, however, owing to Mrs. Hedgehog's shyness and her children's extreme youth. In the cool of the evening we placed the box on its side in the garden, so that Mrs. Hedgehog could come out and remove her babies to another nest if she pleased.

In the morning not a hedgehog was to be seen, but we hoped they were still in the garden and would appear again later. One hot afternoon a rustling in a flower bed attracted our attention. On looking we discovered a tiny hedgehog. I picked the small thing up, and it promptly rolled into a ball. Its spines were harder than before, but still not nearly so hard as its mother's, but its nose had grown pointed like hers, and it now possessed two bright little eyes. I fetched a saucer of bread and milk, and it seemed very thirsty. We had been having a spell of dry weather, so I expect both food and drink had run short. After this we were frequently seeing hedgehogs, big and little, the young ones often by day, but their mother only in the evening. When the autumn frosts began, one hedgehog came indoors and took up its abode in the kitchen fender. Here it remained about a fortnight, partaking of bread and milk, and then went out again and made a warm nest under some dead leaves in a rockery. We hope to see more of our little prickly friends now the warm spring weather has come again.—New York Tribune.

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