OLD REGIMENT REORGANIZED

SAN PEDRO, Cal. (AP) — reconstituted as the Third Coast Artillery, the Third Regiment of Artillery, historically famous fighting unit of the United States army which first saw active service in July 1, 1794, recently reopened its history here, under the command of Major George Rubien, Jr.

Battle ribbons won on home and foreign fields during the last 130 years fluttered from the color standards as "The Fighting Third" was ceremoniously reconstituted at the fort.

The Third Regiment of Artillery came into being following the Revolutionary war. It was recruited among the veterans of that war for service against the Indians in the conquest of the west.

It first became prominent among fighting units on Feb. 22-23, 1847, at the battle of Buena Vista. General Santa Ana, commanding the Mexican forces, had swept all American resistance before him. Without infantry to support him, and at the expense of losing his own guns, Captain Bragg, then commanding "The Fighting Third," brought his troops into action with a withering charge of canister. The first charge halted the Mexican advance. The smoke from the second and third salvos cleared away with the Mexicans in rout. Thus the regiment won its present motto, "Saved the Day," which was conferred upon it by General Zachary Taylor, following the engagement.

Through the War of 1812 and in the Florida peninsula campaigns the regiment served the colors creditably. In the California campaigns it was present at Monterey, Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Buena Vista and the final engagement at Molino del Rey. It was present when the opening gun of the war was fired at Palto Alto, May 8, 1846, and took part in all major engagements.

On December 21, 1853, five batteries of the Third Artillery embarked from the east coast for stations in California, via Cape Horn, aboard the steamer San Francisca. Of the 506 souls aboard, 500 were men of the Third. On the day before Christmas the San Francisco struck a northwester that completely disabled her, and during which 175 men were lost overboard. A week later assistance was rendered the derelict by the American ships Kilby and Three Balls and the British sloop of war Antarctic. The latter vessel carried 142 survivors to Liverpool, the first American troops to land in England.

After a year's trials and misfortunes the Third was again assembled, and arrived in California, where it was actively engaged in marching and scouting until the outbreak of the Civil war, when its history was marked with distinction.

It served at the memorable capture of Manila, P. I., during the Spanish-American war, and was broken up into separate companies in 1901 to form the Artillery corps of the army. Parts of the famous Third saw action on all the fronts of France during the World war.

SEEK TO FREE "DOC" COOK

FORT WORTH, Texas.—Habeas corpus proceedings for the release of Dr. Frederick W. Cook, former Arctic explorer, convicted of misuse of the United States mails, from the Tarrant county jail will be instituted, it was announced by attorneys for Cook.

The application for writ of habeas corpus will be based on the language of an order issued by the circuit court of appeals at Atlanta, Ga., on July 7, which, his attorneys contend, permits him to prosecute appeal of his sentence of 14 years in the federal penitentiary in "forma pauperis."

Agreement of federal officials here to the release of Cook under bail bond of $45,000 would forestall the filing of the habeas application, Cook's attorneys stated. An effort to obtain this agreement was being made late today.

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American Legion

PREPARING FOR MEET.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (Special) — Ten miles of special parking track is being laid in St. Paul to accommodate the extra railroad equipment that will come to St. Paul for the American Legion convention September 15 to 19.

Every available pullman car in the nation has already been reserved for this annual gathering at which an attendance of one hundred thousand Legionnaires is expected. In fact railways are now furnishing coach trains for those coming a distance of more than 400 miles.

Seven railroads are cooperating in allotting the space available and equipping the area with walks, lights and sanitary facilities under the direction of H. O. Johnson, assistant to the Northern Pacific railway, and chairman of St. Paul's committee on railroad operation for the meeting.

Hundreds of workmen are employed in rushing the project to completion, which is being built at almost the heart of the city. Mc. M. R. Osborne, assistant general manager of the Pullman company, is supervising the work of that organization and will have charge of the special coach yards.

Special trains are scheduled to St. Paul from practically every state in the Union and delegates are expected from 17 foreign countries.

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BOSTON, Mass. (Special). — William J. Miller, former World war aviator, called on General Edwards at the American Legion headquarters here recently to inform him of his success in receiving a license to drive his Ford. Miller is unable to use the pedals due to an accident which resulted in the amputation of both his legs shortly after the armistice was signed. Miller, who lives in North Andover, had an ingenious thought. He fastened levers to the pedals in such a way that he has full control of the machine with his hands. He was granted his license after three severe tests by three different inspectors.

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CUSHING, OKLA. (Special) — Frank Hosch, of this city, age 21, and probably the youngest American Legionnaire in the United States, by reason of his having enlisted in the United States navy at the age of 14, has just received an appointment to West Point. After the armistice Hosch came here and began the hardest fight of his career—the right to obtain an education at his own expense. Though working every night and attending high school during the day he completed the four-year course with honors in two years.

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LONDON (Special).—One hundred and fifty pounds, the receipts from the American Legion versus U. S. S. Leviathan baseball game held at London recently at which General Pershing was a spectator, was donated to the Fred Hoyle's Hospital fund of the London post of the Legion.

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MUSKOGEE, Okla. (Special) — The largest soldier's memorial hospital west of the Mississippi river will be built here at a cost of more than two millions of dollars if plans outlined by Colonel Hugh Scott, commander of the American Legion post here, materialize. Scott's plan would call for the deeding of the entire Honor Heights park to the government, and the purchasing of all land adjacent to the present hospital site by the government and the erection by the Veterans' Bureau of another building twice the size of the hospital structure now there. The reservation, with land acquired from private citizens, would include approximately 800 acres with the lake at Stem Beach fitting in an extensive landscaping and ground beautification plan.

Commander Scott, points out that according to the report of treasury department actuaries, in 1935 approximately 500,000 veterans will be asking for admittance to government institutions and in view of this fact, it is not too early to prepare to take care of them.

The American Legion will ask Oklahoma representatives in congress when it reconvenes to sponsor a bill which would provide an appropriation sufficient to carry out the plan.

Should the appropriation be made, patients from all states in the southwest would be concentrated here and the best skill and equipment in the medical world would be provided.

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CHICAGO, Ill. (Special). — A brigade of mail carriers one morning recently dropped their sacks at 3144 West Monroe here containing 40,000 birthday postal cards all addressed to "General James A. Stuart." General Stuart was enjoying his eighty-second birthday on that particular morning. Other generals have had eighty-second birthdays, true, but General Stuart is the only man in the country who commanded a regiment in three major wars, and as a consequence, he has many "comrades," who think a lot of the general, and who remember him with a card on his birthday.

"We thought it would be nice to remember General Stuart with postal cards," said an official of the American Legion here," and the idea must have gathered momentum as it passed on from one veteran organization to the next."

Chicago's great old fighter has been preaching and advocating and living love of country all his life. During the Civil war he commanded a regiment of volunteers. Illinois' "Dandy First" was under in command in the Spanish-American war. The Illinois national guard unit was commanded by him during the World war.

Fares to Round-Up Reduced

PENDLETON, Ore.—All agents along the Southern Pacific have been notified that reduced fares will be granted for round-trip tickets to the Pendleton round-up in September, according to a letter received by the round-up association from John M. Scott, assistant traffic passenger manager of the company. William McMurray has written that special efforts are being made by the Union Pacific system to solicit interest in the show in the Tacoma, Seattle and Grays Harbor districts.

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GOLD BASIS USE URGED

LONDON (AP)—"The fate of the gold standard is so much dependent upon British monetary policy, that England is simply bound to take the lead in the restoration of the world's monetary system. It is impossible for England to wait and see."

This statement was made by Professor Gustav Cassel of Stockholm university, regarded as one of the greatest authorities on world monetary conditions, in the course of a lecture to the Institute of Bankers.

If the pound sterling, he asserted, were again put on its old gold basis, the whole world would feel that the gold standard had regained something of its old reliability, and the doubts as to its trustworthiness would no longer stand in the way of a return to it.

Yet England, the speaker said, hesitated to take the decisive step. There was a general fear in the public mind in Europe that there was likely to be a new rise in prices in America. He contended that this doctrine must be rejected. The conclusion must be that some rise in prices in America was possible, but by no means necessary.

Professor Cassel said it was very much against the financial interests of the United States to allow the value of gold to be seriously depressed by an internal inflation and still more by such a violent measure as the prohibition of gold imports.

"If the United States really feel gold imports a nuisance," Professor Cassel added, "the easiest and most natural means to avoid them is to do away with the highly protectionist tariff which prevents Europe from paying her debts in commodities. With free trade America would get more of useful commodities and less of non-useful gold."

Treasury authorities here are inclined to believe there will be no return to gold currency at least before 1929. It is pointed out there is a new price level since the war, far more money is in circulation, and there is not enough gold bullion and reserve here to meet the requirements of a reintroduced gold currency.

Grain Company Builds Warehouse

EDWARD, Wash.—The Pacific Coast Grain company is completing a warehouse here to replace the warehouse that was burned a few weeks ago. Farmers are harvesting grain. The grain is running eight and 10 bushels an acre and is testing high in gluten.

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