

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS

The British Corps Numbers 250,000 Unseasoned Men.

They Have Never Been Service, But They Are Eager to Go to the Front

The British volunteer corps as it exists to-day is the result of an enlistment act of 1860, the act, in turn, being the fruit of a fear of invasion in that year.

As he will be a regular when in the field, the British volunteer will be treated as one. He will receive "Tommy's" pay, which is about "30 cents a day and found."

Friends and advocates of the volunteers and yeomanry say that those branches of the service have been discouraged, sneered at and generally sat on by the war office ever since their establishment, and that their acceptance for service now may be regarded as a great victory.

At any rate, it can never be said that the volunteers, to whom was given that chance, were slow to accept it, as a score or more of commanding officers throughout London and the provinces, who are being harassed to desperation by every individual member of their commands, can testify.

The venerable organization of honorable artillery and yeomanry was formed by Henry VIII, in 1507 for, as the king quaintly put it, "the better increase of the defense of this our realm."

The Yeomanry, 10,000 of whom will be selected for service in South Africa, dates back as a force much further than the volunteers or militia.

There is an almost complete failure of the olive crop in southern Italy, and in Sicily, this season, owing to the ravages of the oil fly, which appeared in unusual numbers on account of the prolonged drought of last summer and fall.

On their recent visit to the ancestral home of the czar, at Hessa Dramstadt, there was attached to the imperial train, the luxuriousness and completeness of which have never been surpassed, a coach occupied solely by a splendid cow and her attendants.

The Chicago Record has discovered that it does not take much to convince the man who has a bet on the loser that a prize fight was crooked.

THE PHILIPPINES.

New York, March 24.—A cable from London says: The military situation as a whole is not regarded in England with as much satisfaction as it was a week ago.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A cable from Manila, says: General Hughes, military commander of the Island of Panay, has arrived here from Iloilo for the purpose of consulting with General Otis.

The rainy season has commenced, and supplies are being sent to various garrisons in preparation for the time when they will be isolated by reason of bad weather.

The mother of Aguinaldo, as well as the mother of Mabini, formerly the Filipino minister of foreign affairs, are still kept under guard here.

La Patria and El Liberal, Spanish organs of the extreme Filipino party, have recently been publishing articles inimical to the military government.

Senora Paterno, at one time president of the so-called Filipino cabinet, having received permission from the authorities to come to Manila, is expected to present himself this week at San Fernando, province of Iloilo.

The rebels in General Young's district are becoming aggressive. The American battalion garrisoning the town of Namaganjan was attacked on four consecutive nights recently.

Osman Pasha, Turkey's great general, is dead. His death is announced in a dispatch received from Constantinople.

Through the breaking down of the first floor in a factory building at New York, which was totally destroyed by fire, three firemen were killed and two injured.

Three officers of the Dutch warship General Pel were captured in Dutch New Guinea and eaten by the natives.

The Carnegie Steel company (limited) of Pittsburgh becomes a stock company with a capital variously estimated at from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000.

The bubonic plague is fast increasing in India. In Bengal 4725 deaths occurred last week.

The old publishing house of D. Appleton & Co., founded by Daniel Appleton in 1825, at New York, went into the hands of a receiver on Wednesday afternoon.

A combination has been secured on the ostrich industry. All the birds in the United States, excepting about 100, have been secured and are to be placed on a farm near Phoenix, Ariz.

June 1 the task of taking the national census commences. Four weeks is all that is allowed to complete securing names.

The doors of the Merchant's National bank of Rutland, Vt., are closed, pending an examination of its books by a committee of its directors.

Governor Jones of Arkansas has announced his withdrawal from the senatorial race, leaving the field clear to Senator Berry, who is seeking reelection.

—The Mining Laws of Oregon for sale at this office. Price 25 cents.

WAR IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Progress of the Fight Between British and Boers.

LONDON, March 21.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 20:

"Kitchener occupied Prieska yesterday unopposed. The rebels surrendered their arms. The Transvaalers escaped across the river.

"Mr. Stoen is circulating a notice by means of dispatch riders in reply to my proclamation, to the effect that any burgher who signs a declaration that he will not fight against us again will be treated as a traitor and shot.

"The Bloemfontein people are affording us every assistance in the matter of hospital accommodations. We have consequently been able to arrange for 500 beds.

"Thirty-three prisoners were taken at Prieska, 300 stands of arms and some supplies and explosives. The Boers have begun to surrender on the Basuto-land frontier."

CAPE TOWN, March 23.—The following telegram has arrived from Nicholson, Bulawayo, March, 16th:

LOBATSA, March 14.—The Boers advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They first advanced from Goope's Siding. After a sharp engagement Lieutenant-Colonel Bodie's advanced post was compelled to retreat. The retirement was excellently carried out to our main position.

PRETORIA, March 19.—President Kruger today discussed the war in a forceful manner, defending the Transvaal in his course and avowing the purpose of his people to fight on to freedom or death. He said:

"The war was forced upon us by England, which has been deceived by Cecil Rhodes and the other mining men who want the country. We yielded as far as possible until we saw that nothing but complete surrender of our independence would satisfy England.

In the house of commons, London, Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, said that the Indian famine affects territory in which there is a population of 60,000,000.

Captain Thomas Wilson, chairman of the Central National bank of Cleveland and a widely known vesselowner is dead.

Judge Jesse H. MacMath, who was consul-general to Morocco during President Lincoln's administration, died at Cleveland recently, aged 67.

Owing to an ice gorge a large portion of the Third ward of Monroe, Mich., is under four feet of water.

Arthur P. Greeley, assistant commissioner of patents, at Washington, resigned his position recently.

The suspension of Arthur M. Hunter, who has been prominent in recent bear operations, was announced at the New York stock exchange.

Among the bills introduced in the house was one by Mr. Stephens of Texas, for an international dam on the Rio Grande river to control the distribution of the river between the United States and Mexico.

G. H. Miller, president of the Georgia Fruit-Growers' association, says that not more than five per cent of the fruit crop was killed by the recent cold snap and freeze.

This bill specifies the rate per square, non-parallel type, for the first and each subsequent insertion. The successful bidder to give bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, with good and sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance of his contract.

By order of the County Commissioners. W. S. CROWELL, County Judge.

Executors' Notice. In the County Court for the County of Jackson, State of Oregon.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Jackson County, Oregon, sitting in probate, executor of the estate of Mary A. Stewart, deceased.

Administratrix's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Jackson County, Oregon, sitting in probate, executrix of the estate of Francis M. Plymuth, deceased.

THE MAIL will print 50 calling cards for 25 cents.

900 DROPS CASTORIA. Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN. Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mercuro.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson. In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA.

SHERIFF'S SALE. Grant Herbert, Plaintiff, vs. M. J. Armstrong, Defendant.

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SOIETIES OF MEDFORD. P. of A.—Court Mt. PHS No. 24, meets in Foresters' Hall every Wednesday at 8 p. m.

CHURCHES OF MEDFORD. St. Marks Episcopal Sunday school meets at Episcopal Church every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Methodist Episcopal Church—W. B. Moore, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m.

Christian church—Corner of Sixth and I streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

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