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ARMY and NAVY CHANGES



How the Retirement of Old Officers Affects Both Arms of the Military Service

NOT in years have so many important changes taken place in both the army and navy branches of Uncle Sam's military establishment as those which will mark the remaining months of 1903.

The most notable change in the army will be the retirement of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, who leaves the service on Aug. 8. With him the office of commanding general of the army passes out of existence, the duties

to equip an army of 200,000 men and promptly met the extraordinary demand.

Brigadier General Thomas F. Humphrey, who succeeded General Ludington as quartermaster general, entered the army as an enlisted man in the Fifth United States artillery, and served to the end of the war with that regiment. In 1898 he was made a lieutenant, and in 1879 was transferred to the quartermaster's department, with the rank of captain, reaching the grade of colonel in 1901.

General Humphrey was chief quartermaster of Shafter's army in Cuba, and it is related that he had a sharp controversy with Colonel Roosevelt, then in command of the rough riders, over a question of transportation, during which he told his present commander in chief that "Cuba was not hot enough for him," or words to that effect. General Humphrey afterward served with General Wood and was chief quartermaster of the China expedition. Later he served with Chaffee in the Philippines.

General George W. Davis, who retires on July 26, is now in command of the army in the Philippines. He entered the service as an enlisted man in the Eleventh Connecticut Infantry and reached the grade of brigadier general in the regular army in 1900 and that of general in July of last year.

Admiral George W. Meade, who is chief of the bureau of the navy, is to continue in the service. He entered the navy in 1861, and the creation of the rank of admiral in 1900, and all

Secretary Moody, during his recent trip to the naval station site at Guantanamo, had on the Dolphin a sergeant of marines who had been under Elliott's command in the fight there. It was this marine's praise and recital of General Elliott's conduct that first attracted Secretary Moody's attention to him, so when the question of a successor to Major General Heywood, who had been at the head of the marine corps since 1891, arose, Elliott's name was at once considered. General Elliott is a native of Alabama, but was appointed to the service from New York in 1870.

Another change slated to take place in the army in August will be the promotion of Brigadier General Leonard Wood to the grade of major general. General Wood is a personal friend of the president and commanded the rough riders when they first went to Cuba. His rise in the army has been very rapid, as he had only reached a captaincy prior to his appointment as colonel of volunteers in 1898.

BASE HITS.

Gessler, who started in well with Detroit, seldom garners a hit now, and is batting about .227.

Napoleon Lajoie is in receipt of a fat offer from Cleveland's minstrels to act as interloper next season.

Tom Loftus believes that both the major leagues will put a \$2,000 limit to the salaries for next season.

Tim Murnane rises to remark that "Connie Mack of Philadelphia is handling his Athletic team in rare style."

The Pittsburg captain, Fred Clarke, recently superseded Bronsahan of the Giants as batting leader of the National league.

"Holmes is a good ball player," says Comiskey of the Chicago Americans, "and he ought to strengthen our outfield a great deal."

Captain Griffith of the New York Americans has notified his men that no more trades will be made unless the team strikes another slump.

Jake Stahl, the new find of the Boston Americans, batted for 444 for Illinois university the past season. The team won seventeen games out of eighteen.

"It strikes me," says Umpire Tom Brown, "that there is no such thing as a fair hit. It ought to be called a foul hit or a ball hit on the

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