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LAST MILITARY FUNCTION

Oregon Troops Give Up Their Arms.

FINAL DRESS PARADE

Of the Volunteers from Webfoot Land
—The Regiment Reviewed by
Major Phelan.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The Oregon regiment went through one of the last of their military functions today. They turned over all their rifles, what little ammunition they had left, their cups, knives, canteens, haversacks, etc. to Lieutenant W. E. McNair, Third artillery, ordnance officer at the Presidio. This afternoon they gave their final dress parade, and were reviewed by Colonel Freeman and Mayor Phelan. Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Plummer, of the Thirty-fifth Infantry, having completed the duty for which he came to San Francisco, will immediately return to Vancouver barracks.

AT REST

FUNERAL SERVICES OVER THE LATE ROBT. G. INGERSOLL.

Simple Ceremonies, with Only the Family and a Few Friends Present—To Be Cremated.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The funeral of the late Robert G. Ingersoll took place this afternoon from Walston, Dobbs Ferry. No clergyman was present to conduct the services, there was no music and no pall bearers. The body lay on a cot in the room where he died. It was enshrouded in white, and just one red rose was placed on the breast. About the cot were banks of floral tributes sent by friends, and wreaths and bunches of blossoms. The services were held at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Ingersoll sat beside her dead, and beside her were her daughters, Mrs. Walston H. Brown, and Miss Maud Ingersoll. They were very much agitated and wept almost continuously. There were some forty others present, and they remained by Dr. John Clark Ridpath who, in a voice full of emotion, said:

"My friends, it is a very sad duty to read, in the presence of the dead, the

last poem written by Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, entitled "Declaration of the Free." This poem Colonel Ingersoll has read and altered in some of its parts only a few hours before he was stricken down."

Major O. J. Smythe, a close personal friend of Colonel Ingersoll, then read another extract from Colonel Ingersoll's writings, entitled "My Religion." Dr. John Elliott, of New York, read the funeral oration delivered by Colonel Ingersoll over his brother's dead body. This concluded the short and simple services. Nearly all present then took a parting look at the dead, and passed out. Mr. Charles B. Lous, Ingersoll's old friend, who is totally blind, passed his hand over the face of his departed friend and said:

"Perhaps he is better now. No one can understand."

Mrs. Ingersoll said to him: "The colonel wanted you to put your hand upon his heart," and sitting in action to the word, she directed his hand to the left breast of the deceased. Mr. Lous asked what she was going to do with the remains.

"I can't give him up," she said. "I can't put him in the ground. I can't bear to think of it. We are going to bring him home."

The body will probably be taken to Fresh Pond, on Thursday, for cremation. Several old colored servants of the family came from Washington to do honor to their great benefactor.

MYSTERIOUS POISONING.

Two Guests Die in a London Hotel—Canned Fruit the Cause.

London, July 25.—Much excitement has been caused here by the mysterious poisoning of a score of the guests of the Inns of Court Hotel, which, it is alleged, was due to American canned fruit. The second victim, J. A. Bartlett, of Philadelphia, died during the night. The fruit was eaten a week ago, and all who partook of it were made ill, one of the number dying July 21st.

Schilling's
Best
Japan English Breakfast Ceylon
Oolong Ideal Blend
Tea

OTIS IS AGAIN ATTACKED

His Strict Censorship Is Troublesome.

NEWS IS SUPPRESSED

Press Representatives Complain Bitterly of Their Treatment by the Military Officers.

LONDON, July 25.—A private letter, received here today from a war correspondent at Manila, and dated June 17th, says:

"There seems to be no end of the war in sight, and the censorship is constantly becoming more troublesome. General Otis recently established a rule, that anything relating to the navy, must be taken to the commander of the fleet for his approval, and afterwards submitted to the military censor, thus adding to our difficulties. For some reason, which the censor would not explain, General Otis refused to allow us to send the death of the Monadnock's captain, Nichols, for two days after its occurrence. The general also refused to let us send news of the disappearance of Captain Rockefeller, April 28th, on the ground that it would worry his family, or the killing of Captain Tiler, of the signal corps, until the next day.

"It is impossible to write the truth about the situation. The resources and fighting qualities of the natives are quite misunderstood by the American papers, and we cannot write facts without being accused of treason, nor can we tell of the practically unanimous opposition to and dislike of the war among the American troops. At one time the volunteers were on the verge of mutiny, and unless General Otis had begun sending them home, there would have been sensational developments. We have been absolutely refused all hospital facilities."

IS OTIS' FRIEND.

New York, July 25.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The president has no intention of relieving General Otis from the military command in the Philippines. He had thought seriously at one time of assigning an officer of high rank to command the forces in the field, leaving General Otis to perform the administrative duties of governor general. The president had two propositions before him, one to make Lewton the commanding officer of the fighting forces, and the other to send Merritt back to his old place.

The latter assignment would mean the subordination of General Otis as governor-general to General Merritt, who outranks him by regular as well as volunteer title. Both these ideas have now been abandoned. Speaking for the president a cabinet officer said:

"Why should General Otis be relieved unless he has some reason for asking to be sent back to the United States? The president has had no reason to find fault with his work. It is true he has not ended the war, but he has certainly made much progress and has shown himself equal to every emergency. He has taken good care of the troops, and has shown himself capable of handling large bodies of men. He has made known his general plans of the operations when the campaign begins in the fall, and the experts here, together with the president, consider that he has a thorough and practical program mapped out for his future work."

"To remove him now would be an admission that he has failed. We can not admit this, for certainly the official dispatches from the Philippines show a material extension of our lines for beyond the points controlled by Spain. To place a new commander in control of the troops and make him independent of General Otis would cause no end of friction. There can be but one entrusted with plenary powers, and I can repeat that the president is well satisfied to trust General Otis with those powers."

Notwithstanding this administrative view favorable to General Otis, it can be stated that some officials here have private information which tends to confirm the press reports of the unpopularity of General Otis with many officers of his command.

ALASKA GOLD.

GREAT WEALTH REPORTED FROM THE CAPE NOME MINES.

Conflicting Stories of the Richness of the District—A Cargo of Liquors Sold Out Quick.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The steamer Bertha arrived this morning from St. Michaels with 97 passengers and about \$1,000,000 in gold. The largest amount brought down by any one person, \$75,000. The purser, Keyes, says there is great wealth in the Cape Nome district and declares there is no truth in the stories of a failure to find gold.

Reports from Cape Nome are extremely conflicting. The officers of the Bertha, S. W. Liggett, and several

other miners, say that the district is even richer than has been stated, but all others declare that nothing of value has yet been developed. The steam schooner Albion is reported to have sold its entire cargo of liquor, at Cape Nome, in one day, the price ranging as high as \$7 a bottle for whiskey, and \$6 for beer. The settlement grew from a dozen tents to a city of several thousand people within a few weeks.

WANT ALASKA BUSINESS.

Chicago, July 25.—It is now certain that the application of reduced basing rates on east-bound business, from Alaska through the Missouri river gateway will become general. The announcement was made today by the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific roads, that they had authorized their agents to make a rate of \$47.50 from Pacific coast points to Chicago via their roads. As these roads have so declared it is but a question of hours until their action is met by all the roads competing for the business.

THE ALUM BAKING POWDERS.

Names of Some of the Principal Brands Sold in This Vicinity.

The recent discussion in the papers of the effect upon the human system of food made with alum baking powders and the opinions that have been published from noted scientists to the effect that such powders render the food unwholesome, have caused numerous inquiries for the names of the various alum powders.

The following list of baking powders containing alum is made up from the reports of State Chemist Nicholson of Nebraska, the city chemist of St. Louis, the food commission of Minnesota, or other reliable authority:

Eaking Powders Containing Alum.
K. C. ... Contains Alum.
Jacques Mfg. Co., Chicago.
CALUMET ... Contains Alum.
Calumet Baking Powder Co., Chicago.
HOME ... Contains Alum.
Home Baking Powder Co., San Francisco.

WASHINGTON ... Contains Alum.
Pacific Chemical Works, Tacoma.
CRESCENT ... Contains Alum.
Crescent Mfg. Co., Seattle.

WHITE LILY ... Contains Alum.
D. Periera & Co., Tacoma.

BEE-HIVE ... Contains Alum.
Washington Mfg. Co., San Francisco.

BON BON ... Contains Alum.
Grant Chemical Co., Chicago.

DEFIANCE ... Contains Alum.
Portland Coffee & Spice Co., Portland.

PORTLAND ... Contains Alum.
Heno & Ballis, Portland.

In addition to these, it is learned that many grocers are selling what they call their own private or special brands. These powders are put up for the grocer and his name put upon the labels by manufacturers of alum powders in St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Tacoma, San Francisco and elsewhere. The manufacturers, it is said, and their efforts to market their goods in this way greatly aided by the ambition of the grocer to sell a powder with his name upon the label, especially when the grocer can make an abnormal profit upon it. Many grocers, doubtless, do not know that the powders they are thus pushing are alum powders which would be actually contraband in many sections if sold without disguise.

It is quite impossible to give the names of all the alum baking powders in the market. They are constantly appearing in all sorts of disguises, under all kinds of cognomens, and at all kinds of prices, even as low as five and ten cents a pound. They can be avoided, however, by the housekeeper who will bear in mind that all baking powders sold at twenty-five cents or less per pound are liable to contain alum.

Coasters

Remember the prompt service in our Mail Order Department. Send in your orders.

Jos. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE

Travelers

Outfits complete. If you are going on a vacation or trip call and see us.

Some Merchants

Will advertise "their stock must be sold at once," or that "they are going out of business," and continue to ask the same old prices for their goods. Time rolls away and they are still pecking away, the only difference is they take down their sign.

Not So With Us

We are not going out of business, nor are we obliged to sell out our stock only to make room for a greater one.

Our Buyers Are East

They are buying extensively and we must close out the old lines to make room for the new.

GREAT SALE

When you see it in our ad It is so.

Remnants

We are cutting hundreds of remnants which we mark at half their values. They are piled in a convenient place for you to see them.

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Phone 1.

COR. COMMERCIAL AND COURT STS.

Phone 1.

Price isn't the only thing...

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sells shoes, clothing, hats, shirts, underwear, hosiery, laces, ribbons, embroidery, crash, damask, and all kinds of notions, at their original "Racket Prices." We carry a large assortment and can suit you all.

E. T. BARNES, Proprietor.



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It was formerly considered necessary to make bicycle shoes homely; but today they are as handsome as walking shoes.

Flexible and easy, yet strong and stylish. We carry a full assortment.

REGULAR \$1.25 VALUE, NOW...\$.95

REGULAR \$1.50 VALUE, NOW...\$1.15

REGULAR \$1.75 VALUE, NOW...\$1.25

REGULAR \$2.00 VALUE, NOW...\$1.75

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