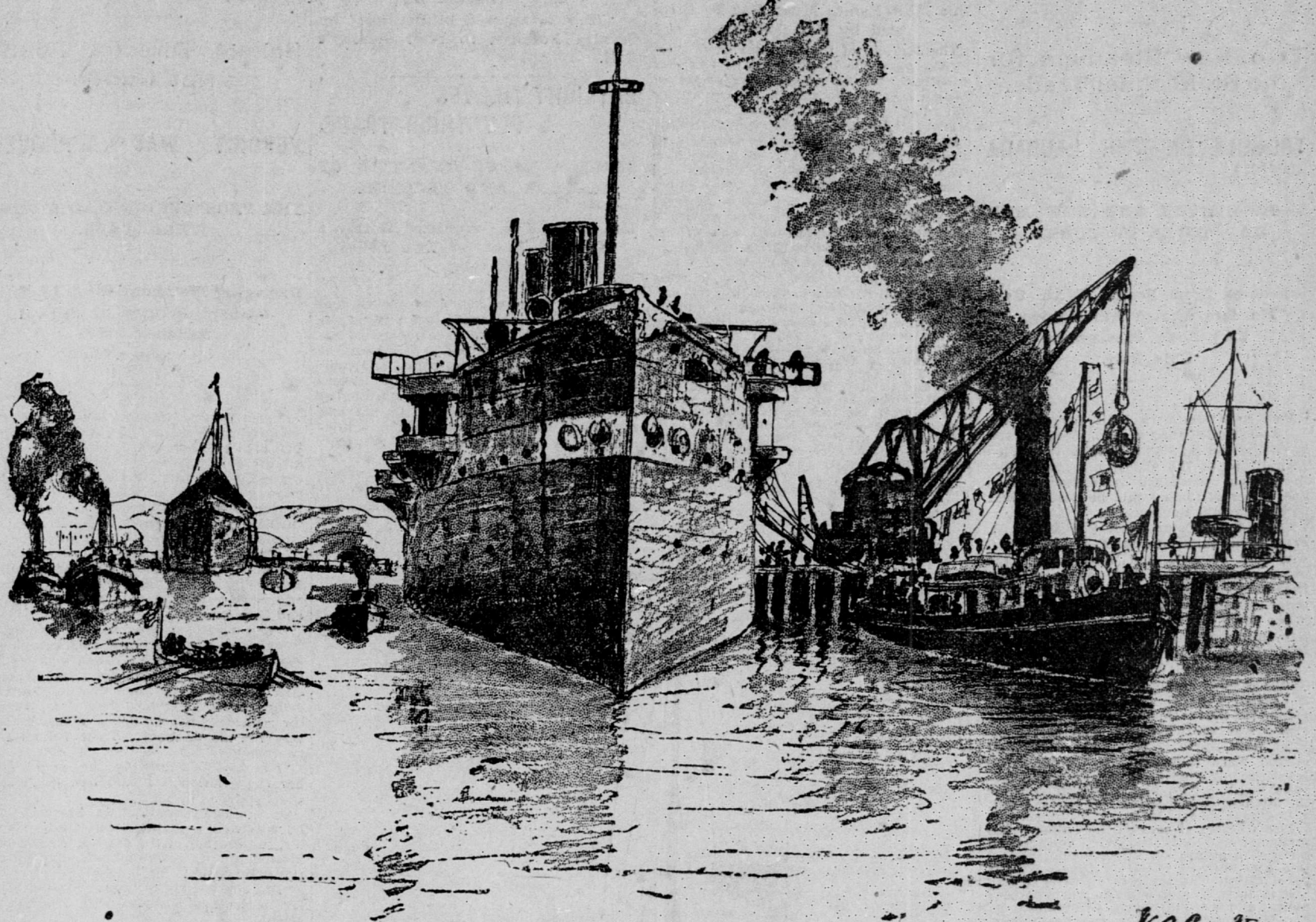


# THE SOUTH DAKOTA REGIMENT IN CAMP

## Soldiers Feasted by Red Cross Ladies and Cheered by Thousands of Citizens.

### Negotiations by Wire for Additional Transports and Inspection of Ordnance at Camp Merritt.



H. A. Coulter

## RUSHING THE CRUISER PHILADELPHIA INTO COMMISSION.

The cruiser Philadelphia will be ready to go into commission in about two weeks. A big force of mechanics are employed day and night preparing her for sea as she lies alongside the wharf at Mare Island Navy Yard. Many changes and improvements have been made to her interior fittings, and her gun mounts have been strengthened. During the week her guns will be put in place and the masts that were unshipped when she was laid up will be replaced. Her stores are being prepared for her, and when the mechanics get through with their work little time will be lost in getting her ready for service.

The picture of the dismantled Philadelphia was taken at the time the three great 12-inch hawsers manufactured by the Tubbs Cordage Company for use in towing the Monterey to the Philippines were delivered at the yard on Saturday. The hawsers were taken up the bay on the tug Reliance, and were lifted from the vessel's deck by the great crane that was constructed at the yard for handling heavy objects. The monitor Monterey was in the drydock at the time the picture was taken, and her mast and fighting top can be seen above the top of the caisson.

According to general calculations the first expedition of United States forces that sailed from this harbor Wednesday, May 25, arrived at Honolulu yesterday or the day before and may now be sailing from that port on the voyage to Manila. There are no indications that the second fleet will sail from San Francisco before the latter part of next week. Major General Merritt may have a surprise in store for the steamship men and proceed to spring it by directing the first ships to sail without waiting for other vessels to be placed in order for the trip. It is known that the troops or many of them at least, are now ready to step aboard. Important telegrams passed between the Secretary of War and Major Long of the quartermaster's department yesterday, and the outcome may be the engagement to-day of two more vessels for the expeditionary service. The work of putting the vessels already chartered in shape is going forward, but not with the energy which an active business man having immediate orders for everything in hand might impart to a similar expedition. Much time must be lost in advising with the authorities in Washington.

### NEXT EXPEDITION TO MANILA.

Information from a reliable source was received last night to the effect that the second expedition leaving this city for Manila will take its departure next Tuesday. Just what troops will be ordered aboard the transports could not be ascertained further than that General Merritt will head the list with the First Battalion of the Twenty-third Regiment of regulars.

Robe ordered the fire alarm blown, and with cool, systematic discipline the men fell in and, under Lieutenant Gohn's direction, made short work of extinguishing the flames. Lieutenant A. H. Krause of Company H, Twentieth Kansas, came very near having the distinction of being the first soldier to receive a gunshot wound. Yesterday morning, while Krause was in his tent, some Minnesota soldier was trying that were unshipped when she was laid up will be replaced. Her stores are being prepared for her, and when the mechanics get through with their work little time will be lost in getting her ready for service.

The chief event at Camp Merritt yesterday was the arrival of a fine regiment of volunteer infantry from South Dakota. It is probable that two or three brigades now in camp will get away for Manila before any considerable number of troops arrive from the East.

Troop E of the Fourth United States Cavalry has been ordered from Fort Vancouver to San Francisco.

Major William A. Simpson, United States Volunteers, chief of artillery on General Merritt's staff, arrived in San Francisco yesterday and reported for duty.

Captain Charles E. Woodruff of the medical department of the United States army, and attending surgeon on the staff of General Merritt, has reported for duty.

Assistant Surgeon James R. Gregory, U. S. A., has been directed by the War Department to proceed to Fort St. Michael, Alaska, for duty at that post.

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### RICHMOND'S TENTED FIELD

#### Inspection of Ordnance—Fire Alarm in Camp—A Pistol Bullet's Course.

Division headquarters is guarding with exclusiveness and secrecy all information that can throw any light upon the subject of when will the next expedition sail for Manila, and what are the troops that will compose it. The theory and speculation in regard to it is then he has securely hidden the desired news up his sleeve and is saying nothing. The question is the one subject of interest and comment among the officers throughout Camp Merritt, but as yet it is theory and speculation in regard to it.

The following order detailing men at Camp Merritt for detached service was issued to the various commanders yesterday:

Headquarters United States Expeditionary Forces and Department of Pacific, San Francisco, Cal., June 1, 1898.

Special Orders No. 1.

Private H. B. Taylor, company I, First Nebraska Volunteers, is detailed on special duty as clerk in the judge-advocate's office at headquarters, and will report in person to Major E. H. Crowder, Judge-Advocate, United States Army, accordingly.

2. Corporal V. H. Meineske, company I, First Nebraska Volunteers, and Privates T. R. Mackelvey, company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Private M. A. Basely, Hospital Corps, United States Army, and Private G. B. Halsey, company B, First Colorado Volunteers, are hereby detailed on special duty as clerks to the assistant adjutant-general at these headquarters, and will report in person to Lieutenant Colonel J. B. Babcock, Assistant Adjutant-General, United States Army, accordingly.

By command,

MAJOR-GENERAL MERRITT.

J. B. BABCOCK, Assistant Adjutant-General.

It is now an assured fact that the Fourth United States Cavalry will go to Manila, and it is expected that it will go in its entirety. The most needy of the troops an order has been issued directing troops A, E, F and G, now in the department of the Columbia, to mobilize here. If the arrival of these troops is awaited, then it does not seem probable that the second Manila expedition will leave for a week at least.

With the exception of the Montana and Dakota troops, it was thought the forces at Camp Merritt were practically in shape to take the field, but yesterday Colonel Hawkins of the Tenth Pennsylvania stated that though his regulations had been in for some time his command was far from being equipped. It lacks about 100 uniforms, 200 rifles, some clothing and many shoes. A number of the soldiers have been unable to perform duty because of the want of shoes, and, in fact, the various company commanders have drawn upon their respective company funds to buy the most needy of the men shoes. Colonel Hawkins refers in rather warm terms to the tardiness of the quartermaster's department.

Captain W. C. Langritt of the corps of engineers assumed command of that body yesterday. The corps gave a drill in trench excavation and the throwing of breastworks which was extremely interesting.

The temporary brigade staffs of the Third and Fourth Brigades were printed exclusively in yesterday's Call. Colonel Reeve of the Second Brigade refuses to give his staff. The relations of the staff for the First Brigade, according to Colonel Owenshine will be left to the brigadier commanding.

However, the following temporary appointments have been made: Captain P. Strong, assistant adjutant general, First Brigade, and Captain Edward Murphy, second assistant adjutant general, United States Volunteers, Fourth Brigade. Captain Strong is a son of ex-Major Strong of New York.

Colonel Owenshine received word yesterday that Privates Fricker and Hemington, hospital corps, Twenty-third Infantry, who were left in New Orleans sick with fever, had died.

Private Vernon Edwards, Company G, Twentieth Kansas Infantry, was taken to the French Hospital yesterday. He has pneumonia. Lieutenant Bates, Company A, Seventh California Infantry, was also taken to the same place with malarial fever, while Private Brown, Company C, of the same regiment, was carried to hospital also. He is ill with pneumonia.

Beginning with the First Colorado and Tenth Pennsylvania, Inspector General Hughes will to-day begin the inspection of ordnance of the troops now in camp. The Idaho troops were issued their ord-



COLONEL HARRY C. KESSLER, First Montana Volunteer Infantry, Commanding Fourth Brigade, of Philippine Island Expeditionary Forces.

### ARMY AND NAVY MAIL

#### Letters May Be Diverted From Original Address to Reach the Troops.

Major General Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., commanding the expeditionary forces destined for the Philippine Islands, is in receipt of important information relative to letters and newspapers addressed to the troops in his command. The regulations, modified to meet the movements of the army, are clearly set forth in the following correspondence:

Office of Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C., May 13, 1898.

Hon. R. A. Alger, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.—Sir: In order to facilitate the transmission and delivery of mail for the army I have issued an order (copy of which I inclose herewith) modifying the regulations which limit the delivery of mail matter to the address of the commanding general of the army, and the movement of troops, upon receipt of notification from the proper military authority.

I therefore request that you instruct the

### ADDING TO THE ARMY.

#### Arrival at Camp Merritt of the First Regiment South Dakota Volunteers.

The First South Dakota Infantry, 1006 officers and men arrived yesterday, en route to the Philippines, and went into camp immediately east of the North Dakota Regiment. The regiment was at once attached to the Fourth Brigade, Colonel Kessler commanding, by Major-General Merritt. The field staff and line officers of the First South Dakota are as follows:

Colonel, A. F. Frost.  
Lieutenant-colonel, Lee Stover.  
Major Second Battalion, Charles A. Howard.  
Major Third Battalion, William F. Allison.  
Chief surgeon, Major R. G. Warner.  
Assistant surgeon, Captain A. H. Bowman.

Assistant surgeon, Captain F. W. Cox.  
Chaplain, Captain C. M. Duley.  
Adjutant, First Lieutenant J. H. Lean.  
Quartermaster, First Lieutenant Henry Murray.

Company A, Pierre—Captain, A. L. Fuller; first lieutenant, E. Harting; second lieutenant, M. M. Guthrie.  
Company B, Sioux Falls—Captain, A. B. Sessions; first lieutenant, J. C. Fox; second lieutenant, E. C. Hawkins.  
Company C, Yankton—Captain, W. S. Gray; first lieutenant, Leroy Foster; second lieutenant, E. C. Hawkins.  
Company D, Worthing—Captain, C. P. Van Houten; first lieutenant, L. L. Dynna; second lieutenant, G. G. Jennings.  
Company E, De Smet—Captain, G. W. Lathin; first lieutenant, J. H. Hubbard; second lieutenant, E. C. Hawkins.  
Company F, Aberdeen—Captain, C. L. Brockway; first lieutenant, Palmer D. Shelton; second lieutenant, F. G. Huntington.  
Company G, Huron—Captain, Robert R. McGregor; first lieutenant, O. W. Fisk; second lieutenant, William L. Hazle.  
Company H, Watertown—Captain, C. H. Englesby; first lieutenant, Frank Adams; second lieutenant, E. C. Hawkins.  
Company I, Custer—Captain, Charles Denmy; first lieutenant, Paul McClelland; second lieutenant, H. C. Bates.  
Company K, Brookings—Captain, Harry Hegeman; first lieutenant, George W. Roskie; second lieutenant, O. P. Smith.  
Company L, Spearfish—Captain, William McLaughlin; first lieutenant, J. Q. A. Braden; second lieutenant, J. R. Crabtree.  
Company M, Rapid City—Captain, F. W. Medbury; first lieutenant, C. S. Hunt; second lieutenant, E. C. Hawkins.

Colonel Frost is an officer in the regular establishment, being a first lieutenant in the Twenty-ninth United States Infantry. For several years he has been on detached service in South Dakota as instructor of military science and tactics at Agricultural College and afterward military secretary to Governor Lee. When his regiment went to the front Colonel Frost joined it at Chickamauga under orders, but on the petition of Governor Lee and the leading citizens of the State, as well as the entire National Guard, he was granted indefinite leave in order to accept the colonelcy of the volunteers.

A telegram was sent on ahead notifying the commanding general of the condition of affairs and requesting that tents and other articles be ready when the regiment arrived. It was after 6 o'clock when the last battalion reached camp, and no provision had been made for it. The regiment had been most hospitably received at the ferry by the Red Cross Society and the men given a good hot dinner, the first warm meal they had since leaving home. The First Battalion arrived at 12:45 p. m. and started for camp as soon as the men had finished dinner. The Second Battalion came in an hour after the first moved, and the Third landed at the ferry at 3 o'clock. What camp outfits they brought were on the last section and did not get to camp until long after 7 o'clock.

### SKIRMISHED FOR RATIONS.

#### How Mrs. Harrington Obtained Supper for the South Dakota Volunteers.

When the 1000 volunteers from South Dakota arrived in this city yesterday afternoon they were surprised and delighted at the generous reception given them by the energetic workers of the Red Cross. They were sent on their way to camp with lighter hearts after their fatiguing journey of many hundred miles, but when they arrived at their encampment and found a barren reception their feelings can be imagined.

After setting up tents and working diligently their sharp appetites began to assert itself and the men began to look for supper. Imagine their surprise when they found that the Government had forgotten them in the bustle of war, and they might have gone to bed supperless but for the kindly efforts of the Red Cross ladies.

As soon as Mrs. Harrington heard of their condition she gathered around her an efficient corps of ladies and began skimming for food. Major Hopper of the Occidental sent out a wagon load, as did other downtown restaurants and hostesses. The nurses at the Children's Hospital prepared coffee, and within an hour their hunger was appeased. As they might not receive breakfast owing to the

### WAR INCIDENTS.

Men for the United States Hospital Corps are wanted, and application should be made at room 213, Phelan building. Unmarried men between the ages of 21 and 20, of good character, intelligence and common school education are desired. Those who have had experience as cooks or nurses, and persons possessing some knowledge of drugs and the driving and care of horses, and the handling of tools, can now find employment in the army service at fairly good wages. The pay of a hospital steward is \$45 per month; that of acting hospital steward \$25, and that of a private in this branch of the service is \$18. Rations, clothing, quarters, bedding and medicines and medical attendance are furnished in addition to the regular pay.

The Quartermaster's Department is advertising for bids for 60,000 pounds of Wallend Australian brown (average) coal or its equal, to be delivered at the pneumatic battery plants at the Presidio. The contract is to be subject to an increase of 50 per cent in quantity contracted for. Bids will be received up to noon of June 1.

Captain Ruhlen, chief quartermaster of the Philippine expedition, is advertising for proposals for light artillery and cavalry service, and for draft and pack mules.

When the First Montana went into camp there was a nice fence all around the camp, but it has gradually melted away until little more than the posts remain. The boys say fence boards make much better firewood than the wood supplied by the Government; besides it splits much easier.

The Call is in receipt of a letter from a member of the First Montana Regiment, who fails to sign his name, in which the writer complains that the men

are not granted liberty enough. He alleges that the few passes issued each day are given to pets of the officers, while those less favored are compelled to remain close in camp or take chances on running the guard line. If the writer will lay his grievance before Colonel Wallace, The Call is confident that if there is any merit in it it will be rectified promptly, for there is no more just or humane officer in camp than Colonel Wallace and he fully appreciates the value of having his men contented with their lot.

C. H. Watson, the leader of the band of the Thirtieth Minnesota, is anxious to enlist a first-class clarinet and a piccolo player. He states that good musicians will be paid more than the regular army scale. The band was provided with new instruments throughout yesterday, citizens of the State having subscribed \$100 to be devoted exclusively to the band. The Thirtieth Minnesota boasts of having one of the finest bands in the volunteer service, and certainly there is no more capable leader than Mr. Watson.

The Catholic Truth Society has arranged to erect a tent capable of accommodating 2000 people close to Camp Merritt, and the priests of this city have arranged to alternate in holding mass on week days, as well as Sundays. Catholic soldiers will be granted full liberty to attend these services.

Hugh Craig, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announces that the ceremony of presenting the stand of honor donated by the chamber to the Seventh Regiment of California, United States Volunteers, will take place at the Presidio reservation, near the main entrance, on Saturday morning, June 4, at 10:30 o'clock. Troop A of the San Francisco Hussars held an enthusiastic meeting in Pythian Castle last evening and elected the following officers: Captain, Emmaruel A. Lorenz; first lieutenant, Henry M. Owens; second lieutenant, Frederick Brady. Flery speeches were made by members and it was the unanimous feeling of the eighty patriots present that nothing would give them greater joy than an opportunity to show their worth either in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippine Islands.

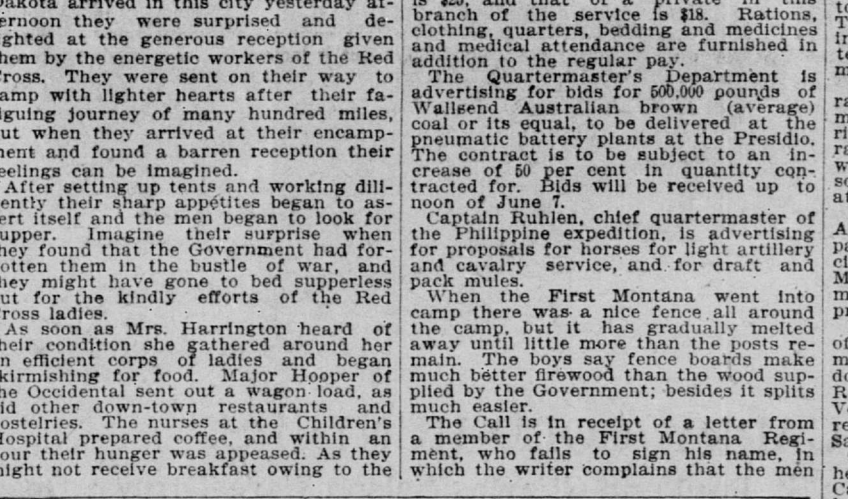
Charles Hirsch, vice-president of the Alaska Packers' Association, has sent to the military camp a consignment of clam broth. One case was turned over to each regiment and battalion with directions that the broth be reserved for hospital purposes.

### FOURTEEN THOUSAND.

Following is a list of the strength of the volunteer and regular militia organizations now in camp at the Richmond District, Fontana barracks and Presidio reservation:

CAMP MERRITT.	
Seventh California Volunteers.....	1,023
Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.....	640
First Battalion Wyoming Volunteers.....	339
Light Batteries A and B, Utah Volunteers.....	392
First Colorado Volunteers.....	1,998
First Minnesota Volunteers.....	1,392
Twentieth Kansas Volunteers.....	1,018
Thirtieth Minnesota Volunteers.....	1,392
Fourteenth United States Infantry.....	1,000
First Battalion Idaho Volunteers.....	631
Eighth United States Infantry.....	631
Twenty-third United States Infantry.....	631
First Montana Volunteers.....	1,000
Troop Utah Cavalry Volunteers.....	80
North Dakota Volunteers.....	80
Company A, United States Engineers.....	60
First South Dakota Volunteers.....	1,004
Total.....	11,159
PRESIDIO.	
Third United States Cavalry.....	633
Fourth United States Cavalry.....	350
California Heavy Artillery.....	320
Sixth California Volunteers.....	320
Total.....	1,623
First Washington Volunteers.....	630
Aggregate of regular and volunteer troops at San Francisco.....	14,012

### MAJOR FRANK W. HESS.



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### Military Record of the Old Hero.

Major Frank W. Hess, U. S. A., who has been appointed to the command of the Third Artillery Battalion of the army destined for the Philippines, has an excellent record for service on the field of battle. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1836, and was appointed captain in the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Infantry April 23, 1861. Shortly after he was mustered out of the volunteer service he was appointed second lieutenant in the Eleventh United States Infantry. Subsequently he was transferred to the Third United States Artillery. He was brevetted captain for gallant and meritorious service at Kelly's Ford, Va., and brevetted major for gallantry at the battle of Gettysburg. He participated in the engagements of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Savage Station, Malvern Hill, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Appomattox and numerous other battles in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged. Major Hess arrived in San Francisco when his regiment came to this station to relieve the Fifth Artillery. He has been on duty recently at the high power guns near Fort Point. Batteries G, H, K and L comprise the battalion which Major Hess has been appointed to command.

### TO AID SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

There will be a meeting of leading citizens of the Occidental Hotel to-night for the purpose of taking steps to aid the families of soldiers who have gone to Manila. Judge Morrow will preside and the organization will be made permanent.

Presented With a Sword.

The members of the Celtic Union and a number of friends assembled in Knights of the Red Branch Hall last evening to do honor to their president, Lieutenant Thomas F. Barry, who has enlisted in the heavy artillery. A short business meeting was held, at which Lieutenant Barry tendered his resignation, which was accepted with expressions of regret on all sides. The door of an ante-room was then thrown open and the strains of the "Red, White and Blue" from the Hills and Balm filled the room. On behalf of the union Jeremiah Keany then presented the lieutenant with a handsome sword and pair of pistols. Lieutenant Barry received the tokens, and made a stirring speech full of regret at leaving his friends full of joy at being able to do something for his country. A short but interesting programme under the direction of L. W. Buckley as master of ceremonies was then rendered, and the company dispersed with many hearty handshakes and words of encouragement to the young lieutenant.