

New York, and for brigade quartermaster Captain A. W. Kimball, son of Colonel Amos S. Kimball, U. S. A., at present depot quartermaster in New York City. The Piper Aden Goodall company has placed two steamers at the disposal of the soldiers and will take 2,000 of them around the bay to obtain a view of the fortifications.

Friday night an immense waterspout burst in the hills above the town of Moxcoca, near the City of Mexico. The water swept down furiously, flooding all the lower part of that place and drowning several men, women and children. A brave officer saw the flood coming and ran at the top of his power, warning the inhabitants to flee for their lives. He rescued many women and children floating in the turbulent waters, which were filled with debris and timbers from the wrecked railway bridge, and was badly injured himself.

Patrick C. Lynch, mayor of Vallejo, died at his residence at 11 o'clock Monday night. For years the mayor has been a sick man, having suffered untold agonies from asthma, which aggravated the heart failure that carried him off. For some months he had been barely able to get around and attend to his business, and two weeks ago his condition became so serious that he was compelled to take to the bed from which he never arose. Deceased was a native of County Wicklow, Ireland, and was 60 years old at the time of his death.

"During the Revolutionary War," says the Christian Leader, "a Dunker leader named Miller was grievously insulted by a man named Widman, who was afterward sentenced to be hanged as a British spy. Miller went to Gen. Washington and begged for Widman's life. The commander-in-chief replied: 'I would like to release Widman because he is your friend; but I cannot, even for that consideration.' 'Friend!' cried Miller, 'he is not my friend; he is only my enemy, and therefore I want to save him.' The general was so touched that he pardoned the man."

Alice, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Alexander McPherson, swallowed a dose of carbolic acid about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the family residence on North B street, evidently with suicidal intent, and died soon after, says the Chronicle of Virginia, Nevada. A neighbor interrogated the young lady as to her motive for attempting to destroy herself before she became unconscious, but without avail. Her father, Alexander McPherson, is a prominent and highly esteemed citizen, and neither he nor his wife can divine any reason why their daughter should have determined to destroy herself.

Ethel Gill, aged 9 years, disappeared from her home on South Ohio street, Butte, Mont., on Thursday evening. Saturday morning her dead body was found in an outhouse several blocks from the residence of her parents. The condition of the body showed plainly she had been outraged and the marks about her neck indicated that she had been strangled to death. The clothing was torn and disarranged, and there were other evidences that an outrage had been perpetrated. Discolorations on the neck indicated strangulation, and there was a mark on the left temple as if made by some blunt instrument.

The fact has just come to light that a sack containing about 2,000 letters, addressed to all parts of the world and written by men in the Klondike or on the trail was left at Talia some time ago by out-coming miner who evidently kept the money entrusted to him for the purchase of stamps and his services as volunteer mail carrier. The letters have been recovered and those intended for people in California sent to the San

Francisco Chronicle which has supplied the necessary postage. The others are in the hands of S. O. Arcuse of Talia, who is mailing many of them and hopes soon to have them all sent to their destinations.

The convention of the American Medical association closed Friday with the installation of the officers elected Thursday. Dr. T. J. Happel of Trenton, N. J., made a speech introducing the new president, Dr. Jos. McDowell Matthews, of Louisville, Ky. After several other impromptu speeches the convention adjourned to meet at Columbus, O., June 7 to 10 inclusive next year. Fifteen hundred visiting doctors and other sightseers made the "loop" trip on the Gulf road in eight special trains Friday. Beginning today (Saturday) other excursions will be made to Colorado Springs, Manitou, Cripple Creek and Yellowstone Park.

Seven batteries of light artillery will go to Manila if present plans are carried out. Orders have been issued for batteries B, H, K and L of the Third artillery now at the Presidio to join the command of General Merritt for duty in the Philippines. Light batteries D and G from the Sixth artillery stationed at Washington Barracks and Fort Myer, Va., will leave Tuesday for San Francisco. They will also report to General Merritt. Besides the batteries now at the Presidio, and those from the Sixth, the expedition will have the Utah battery. A battery of mountain howitzers for use in the Philippines has arrived at the Presidio. It has been placed in charge of Lieut. Carson.

The Cheyenne Tribune says that John W. Springer of Denver completed a deal with the United States army officers by which the government purchases from his Montana pastures 250 head of horses for the use of the cavalry, and they will be delivered at Cheyenne as soon as possible. The consignment will, upon reaching Fort Russell, be assigned to the uses of Col. Torrey's men. The horses are bred from Oldenburg stallions and half-blood native mares, and are all broken to the saddle and harness. Horses carrying this strain of blood are acknowledged by European experts to make the most satisfactory animal for the use of cavalrymen. Prices are said to have ranged from \$100 to \$125.

Three murderous affrays are reported from interior towns in California. At the farmhouse of Wm. Mitchell, near Dos Palos, in Fresno county, George Kline was killed by George McCraney, after the former, in an attempt to shoot Wm. Mitchell had seriously wounded Mrs. Mitchell, who is McCraney's sister. The shooting was a sequel of a row at a country dance. During a quarrel over domestic affairs near Comptche, Mendocino county, Pat Bowles shot his brother-in-law, Payne, dead, and fatally wounded a man named Skiffington, who came to Payne's assistance. At Vallicita, Calaveras county, Walter B. Eltringham was shot dead by J. Schworer, after some words regarding the latter's wife.

Attorney J. B. Randolph of Oakland, Cal., is about to go to England to claim several valuable estates on behalf of his clients. "One of the most important claims under consideration," said Mr. Randolph in an interview, "is that of William F. Barker, who is a nephew of the late Sir John T. Barker of Belfast, who committed suicide some years ago. The old man married the countess of Melrose, and part of the property in question will be Melrose Castle. One of the claimants was George T. Barker, a cousin of my client. George recently died in the Missouri penitentiary. Now that he is dead, my client is the chief American claimant." Mr. Randolph would not give the claimant's name but he is said

to be a prominent spiritualist who promises to erect a temple to that faith in Los Angeles if he obtains the fortune he claims.

Charles Flester, the wife-murderer, was hanged in the courtyard at Grant's Pass, Ore., Friday afternoon. The sheriff delayed the execution from 10 o'clock until noon, in order to give Flester's attorneys, who had gone to Salem for the purpose, time to make a final effort to secure a stay of execution of a commutation of his sentence. At noon the condemned man was seemingly unconscious, and appeared to be dying, so a further delay was granted until 1 p. m. At that hour his condition was not improved, so he was strapped to a board and carried to the scaffold and executed. The crime for which Flester was executed was the murder of his wife in a fit of jealous rage, about three years ago. He drowned his wife in a shallow pool of water near the roadside by holding her head under the water until life was extinct. His two little boys tried in vain to stop him from committing the crime.

At Camp Merritt Friday the North and South Dakota troops were drilled in battalion and extended order work, and elicited much favorable comment from the officers of their commands. Gov. W. A. Richards of Wyoming will visit the camp of the regiment from that state today (Saturday) and be entertained by its officers. The First Nebraska regiment will be paid today, the Idaho battalions on Monday and the Utah and Kansas men on Tuesday next. There are a number of cases of measles in the field hospital at Camp Merritt and colds are prevalent, but the health of the Eastern men is generally good. The rumor that Camp Merritt is to be removed to the Presidio seems to have little foundation in fact. Gen. Merritt's aides say they have heard nothing of such a change, and that it is not in line of probability. The water supply at the Presidio is inadequate for such a large number of troops, and it is said that should it be decided to again transfer the camp, that Benicia, near the Mare Island navy yard, and not the Presidio, would be the spot selected.

So far as is now known the third Manila fleet will consist of the City of Para, Ohio, Indiana, Victoria, Olympia, Arizona and possibly the City of Puebla. The steamship Peru is the next Pacific Mail vessel due from China. She is an American ship and may be taken for a transport. The City of Rio de Janeiro and the Alameda are also likely to be chartered or impressed into service when they arrive from across the Pacific. The government has fixed the following war valuations on Pacific Mail steamers already taken: City of Peking, \$650,000; City of Sydney, \$475,000; China, \$900,000; Colon, \$350,000. If any of these vessels should be destroyed by the enemy, the government would have to pay the valuation. If any of the vessels are lost by the action of the elements, the company must stand the loss. The government, it is understood, pays \$800 a day for the use of the Zealandia and Australia. For the tug Fearless \$150,000 was paid, the tug Active \$75,000 and the tug Vigilant \$60,000. The colliers Peter Jebsen and Whitgift, now the Brutus and Nero, cost the nation \$215,000 each. The charter price of the Morgan City is \$600 a day. The Senator and City of Puebla having been seized, must be returned intact of their value, which is considerable, paid to the Pacific Coast Steamship company. It is regarded as probable that they were impressed because Senator Perkins is one of their owners and no member of Congress can be a party to a contract with the government.