

WILL MAKE ROUGH RIDERS IN SHADOW OF THE ROCKIES

General Sumner, Who Will be Military Head of the Proposed Encampment in Colorado, Outlines its Scope and Emphasizes the Value of the Mounted Soldier in Modern Warfare—One Million Acres Will be Given Up to This Encampment.

An encampment of one million acres, where young men between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five may enlist and receive practical training in rough riding, scouting, reading signs and riding, is about to be established in Colorado, says the New York Herald of Sunday, March 25th.

Rough riding, by the way, notwithstanding the fact that Governor Roose-

splendid service in the time of Napoleon, but even he did not let go of it unless success were well assured, and the benefit, to be derived was more than double the risk. Today that splendid body of horsemen would not reach the firing line of an enemy with men enough to make an impression. The man with the long range rifle, and possessing the ability to use it, has upset all the old theories of war and cavalry. Still, up to the time of our civil war commanding generals held on to the

MOUNTAIN BATTERIES IN ACTION.



At close quarters these small guns are of greatest service. They are now being employed extensively in the Free State where the Boers have made their latest stand. This picture was made in an action a little before the taking of Bloemfontein.

velt took the initiative in forming a Rough Riders' regiment in this country, has been the fashion in the British army ever since the first cavalry regiment was formed. There are, and always have been, several rough riders—absolutely fearless men, who break all the horses and do other dangerous work—attached to each English cavalry regiment.

Governor C. S. Thomas is the sponsor, projector and the commander-in-chief of the new military institution. Working in conjunction with the governor, however, are many prominent officials of his own State, including General E. V. Sumner, General Irving Hall and other military officials.

General Sumner, who is at present in command at Fort Logan, is to be the military head of the encampment. Associated with him will be General Hale and Lieut. Edward S. Farrow, who will be in charge of the instruction. In speaking of the encampment and the mounted soldier as an instrument of war, General Sumner said:

"Name them as you may, dragoons, cavalry, mounted infantry or rough riders, the men on horseback are now the important feature of an army in the field in time of action, provided they are thorough horsemen and good marksmen. Men may be assembled, armed and mounted and called cavalry, but there is no man more helpless or less efficient than one mounted on a horse who cannot ride. When this is the condition of a mounted soldier, he is far more worthless than a foot soldier, because he is in the way and his lack of perfect care of him is a constant source of trouble. It is not until the passing away of those older tacticians that this was recognized and the new system adopted.

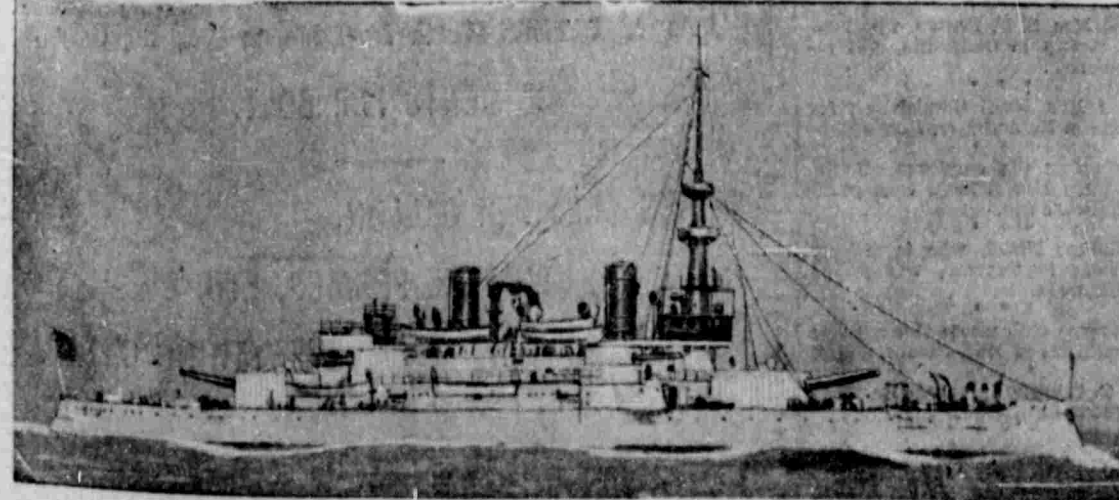
"In the new encampment," said General Sumner, "we propose to properly train young men in all the tactics pertaining to this branch of modern warfare, and to make them as efficient instruments of war as mounted soldiers may be."

A million acres of land, located four hundred miles southeast of Denver, have already been secured for the encampment. To give the men the advantage of riding, trailing and scouting on mountains, plains and valleys continuous camp will be formed. By the end of the year, the time a man is allowed for training, this field of one million acres will have been covered. The immense distances are also to be utilized in developing the new signal system of wireless telegraphy.

Many officers of the regular army are deeply interested in the new enterprise, for the reason that innovations in the way of arms and equipment, which the war department is, as yet, too conservative to adopt, will be accepted, and the advantage of the new over the old will be demonstrated. One of the most striking innovations will be that of putting in the field a mounted Red Cross auxiliary.

Lieut. Farrow, who is to have command under General Sumner, and who is to be the head of the department of tactics, is a young officer who has seen seventeen years of active service, most of which time was spent in fighting Indians. He commanded a company during the campaigns against the Nez Percés, in 1877, the Pine and Bancock in 1878, and he captured the "sheep-eaters" in 1873. His practical experience with Indian scouts, and his bravery in entering rugged, almost inaccessible country where the worst rascals had congregated, as well as his experience as instructor in tactics at

AWAITING THE FIRST OUTBREAK.



The Great Oregon, one of the finest battleships in the world, is now cruising around Japan. While the government authorities pretend to attach no special significance to this, it is nevertheless true that she is merely awaiting the word to protect our rights in China or Korea, in which ever place the clash comes first.

West Point, well fit him for the position. He is the author of a military encyclopedia which has received the official endorsement of many leading countries, and of "Mountain Scouting," from which, he claims, Colonel Bland-Powell borrowed some of his ideas on reading signs, trailing, etc., which have been so highly commended in his recent book of "Aids to Scouts."

Concerning the plan and scope of the new enterprise, Lieutenant Farrow said: "The plan has already met with such popular approval that the governor is actually overrun with applications from young men wishing to take the training. Many of the applications come from students of Yale and Harvard, who are to graduate this year. Fifty applications have already been received from England.

Young men between seventeen and twenty-five years of age will be permitted to join by regular enlistment. They will be sworn to serve one year, during which time they will receive practical training in rough riding, scouting, reading signs, trailing and all the arts of up-to-date warfare. For this each applicant will have to pay a tuition fee of \$500, which sum covers his expenses for the entire year, including equipment, horse, clothing and rations. Each applicant must also pass the United States army examination and receive a surgeon's certificate before entering the encampment for instruction."

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manufacture of these guns has already been given.

"Another new feature of the encampment will be the tents. We will use a tent capable of instant change. It can be used either as the 'A,' or common tent, or for a storm or shelter tent. I shall also insist upon the abandonment of the bayonet and revolver. The bayonet is of no use whatever to-day, as one cannot get close enough to the enemy to use it. I shall replace it with a combination trowel and tent peg.

"Revolvers are more dangerous than useful, and especially since they are now made with hair triggers and have to be handled carefully. By doing away with the revolver, the burden of the rider is lightened, and he can carry more of the packets, say one hundred, which I have mentioned. I shall also insist upon a long gun, no carbine or short pattern. The new gun is to be carried either by sling across the shoulder or across the pommel.

"Particular attention will also be given to individual marksmanship. There will be open firing, which will prove the utter uselessness of bayonet charges. I am also at work upon a new system of tactics and drill regulations."

CAVALRY FIGHTING IN THE PHILIPPINES

I led the ruddy-faced General Young to speak with a soldier's brevity of the most striking campaign in our military annals since the march through Georgia.

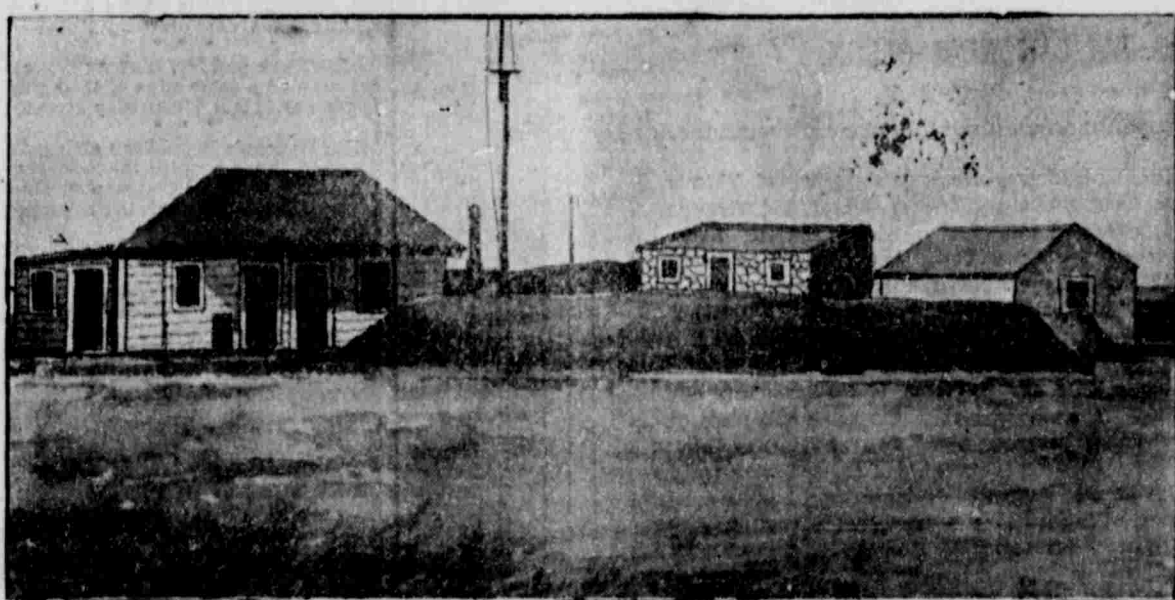
"We kept after them," he said, "that was all. Whether it was through passes or over marshes, we travelled as fast as the enemy. I concluded from the first that what we needed was mobility and not numbers. We hit whatever force was before us as often as we could on the flank, or in the rear if possible. That soon demoralized Aguinaldo's little army for any organized action. We kept after its remnants until we had them in the mountains or captured. Once, if we had only known how near we were to Aguinaldo, we could have got him. General Tino, with a small band, still eludes me. But Colonel Hovess and Hare are keeping on his trail, and we are blurring the passes where we can keep him from getting south. I have General Tino's sword, a fine Toledo blade, also his map and map holder. I use both the map and the holder."

At me, the general and his staff go over half a hundred little fights, comparing notes and laughing over their experiences.

"That cavalry charge beat anything we had," said Lieutenant Colonel Parker. "It was the only charge we ever made in Luzon. Likely it will be the last."

The colonel saw a line of natives passing along a road across the open, and with a whoop he led the troops on to them. The moral effect was tremen-

HOW LONG! CRY OF BESIEGED MAFeking.



Every energy is being extended to relieve the beleaguered town. Great Britain awaits daily the news that English troops have repeated the work so well accomplished at Ladysmith and Kimberley. This view shows the fort, one of the principal defenses.

serve, available as a repeater whenever the cut-off is thrown in. As a repeater its sustained rapidity of fire is greater than in any other known rifle.

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dous; the slaughter slight. Our big horses are the dragon of the little Filipino's dream. At the sight of the galloping, yelling cavalrymen the band did not wait to fire a shot. They disappeared in all directions in the brush, where a horse cannot go.

"Oh, if they only had stood up to it!" sighed the angry troopers, "we wouldn't have thought a soldier's life quite so hard."

The general insisted that Colonel Parker should show me the ground where he made another real fight—in fact, the hottest little fight against the greatest odds in the campaign.

Lying under the cover of a rib of masonry a foot or more in height, with occasional pillars, which runs around the plaza, separating the street from the buildings, he had sixteen men of the Texas Rangers, who faced a fire from a stone building in front thirty yards distant and a cross-fire from another building seventy-five yards distant of over two hundred rifles. These insurgents had come in in the night, after he had occupied the town with a handful of men. As he crossed the plaza he had little idea of the enemy's number. With five men following him, he tried to charge in at the door of the building in front. Three of them were killed, falling in a heap. The others got under cover of the wall in front of the building, with a score of insurgents on the other side who could not get at him, because if one showed his head one of the remaining Texans sent a bullet through it. The colonel fell back to the remnant of his command without being hit, though why in heaven's name he wasn't, no man can tell.

"You needn't worry. We kin keep the Gugs from coming out all right, colonel," said one of the rangers, as Parker started off for the reinforcements which finished the business.

"Don't know why I tried to get into that building," says Parker, laconically. "Good thing I didn't, I guess. Of course I didn't know there were so many of them. Those Texans will fight as long as they have the strength to whisper. We lost eight killed and two wounded out of sixteen. Remarkable percentage, wasn't it? But we took five lives for every one we lost."

Incidentally, while governing seven provinces General Young and his staff have to attend to the details of a brigade divided into small garrisons or columns, which are widely apart and separated from the base of supplies. While Hare and Hovess are chasing the rebels in the mountains, he has not sufficient troops to post regularly, except in a few of the largest towns.

Small cavalry patrols go back and forth over the principal roads. Every day they bring in a few stray men with rifles who have accepted the inevitable. They are questioned, their names and residences entered in a book, and then are given their liberty. If they wanted work they could find it in the nearest marshal's street cleaning department, which is fast making Vigan a presentable town.—Frederick Palmer in Collier's Weekly.

CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT.

The leavening of the vast Chinese empire, begun within the past quarter of a century, by Western thought, is now strongly felt throughout the realm. Under the fostering influence of a wise and progressive government, it is effecting in a nation of over 400,000,000 souls marvellously beneficial changes. These have been watched by the peoples of the West with the utmost gratification, and with the liveliest anticipation and hope.

He must be a curious man of the West who does not feel a certain pride in the fact that the creations of his half of the world have begun to enter the thought realm of what is practically the remainder of the earth, and to effect methods, to establish modes, even to subvert forms in a region which for many centuries esteemed itself, and was in truth, the supreme of the universe. There is an element of sympathy in human nature which feels gratification in the advancement of a fellow-being, and contemplates with admiration and applause his rise to higher things. I do not believe that the American people will always be deluded as to the value and necessity of Chinese residents, or that the types of men who now influence thought on that subject will continue to find credence; and I am very sure that, in not many years, the Chinaman's money earned in the United States will buy him little more in China than here. For, the cost of living will rise with the rate of wages; and in China both will presently reach the American standard. I do not expect this change to take place slowly. The movement now progressing in China has attained marvellous speed; and, with the aid of the kindly offices of the Western peoples, especially the people of the United States, and under the guidance of the present sagacious and efficient government of China, we shall continue our progress, advancing ever upward, making ourselves more and more fitted to be a benefit to the world and to merit the highest esteem in the family of nations.

ADVICE FROM PAPA.

"You look worried, my dear," said Smithers, when he came home from the office the other day. "What is the matter?"

"The children have been very tiresome today," replied Mrs. Smithers, wearily. "It seemed as if they would make me distracted."

"Don't let 'em!" said Smithers, with considerable energy. "Don't let 'em ride over you. Just—Willie, don't talk when papa's talking—just deal with them gently, but firm—would you hear me Willie?—firmly, and you'll get along all—silence, Willie, this instant—all right. As for letting 'em worry—don't pull my pockets. Dick—letting 'em worry—Don't! don't pull my pockets, I say—worry—will you take your hands out or not? Now keep them out. You've broken a couple of cigars for me now—your—what's Willie making such a noise about, Annie? Great Scott! He's got my silk hat. Take it—hang it up—now, Dick, if you cry, you'll have—now they've both commenced. It does seem, Annie, self the minute I come into the house—I can't think—I can't think."

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