EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

DISTRIBUTING TROOPS AT SAN FRANCISCO

Gen Funston Commands the Fourth Brigade—Little Girl Murdered—Shot Himself Through the Heart.

The Nevada troop of cavalry left Cheyenne, Wyo., Sunday evening for the coast.

All the supplies of the South Dakota contingent have been purchased by Monday evening, the regiment will be fully equipped.

In his office at Moscow, Idaho, Saturday evening, D. D. McCornell, brother of ex-Governor McConnell, shot himself through the heart, dying instantly. Disease caused his rash act.

The Christian convention, as the war department of the Young men's Christian association is known, will send Frank A. Jackson and C. A. Gibbs to Manila to work among the troops sent by Admiral Dewey.

The loss caused by the burning of the Aberdeen Packing company's plant in Omaha, Wednesday morning, is estimated at $75,000. The insurance is about $40,000. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Major General Merritt at San Francisco wants more troops. He is now in communication with Washington on the subject, and hopes to receive word within a few hours that the additional troops have been granted him and have been ordered on their way.

The Thirteenth regiment of Minnesota volunteers has been presented with a handsome state flag by Mrs. L. A. Pinney, in behalf of the citizens of Minneapolis. It is the handsomest banner that will be carried by any of the troops who are going to the Philippines.

Governor Tanner of Illinois had a narrow escape from drowning while getting into the Warrenton mining district, Idaho. In fording the Payette river the governor suffered a severe ducking and was forced to swim to shore while his guide was carried down the swollen stream and drowned.

The steamer Queenie, Capt. Carroll, which arrived at Victoria, B. C., Saturday morning from London, reports that she sighted a Spanish cruiser painted black, in company with a large ship off Point Fur on June 5th. The cruiser was a armed ship, one mast, and the ship had a black funnel. She stood Alaskan flags in the harbor.

The California Christian Endeavor union has formed a secret company on which revives the organized work carried on for years by the union in the army and navy. It supports all Christian Endeavor societies in the army and other states sending troops to the Philippines and also aids the churches of which these societies are a part, to stand by this work financially.

Six weeks ago Samuel Lerner of San Francisco left his bride of scarce two days to sail on a sealed mate on a sealing schooner. Instead of taking this he wandered about on the north end of the city for into the night, and the next day his body was found hanging to a post in a cheap lodging house not little more than a mile from his home. The story came to Salt Lake Thursday after Lerner had lain for six weeks in a suicide's grave in the potter's field.

Friday night an immense waterspout burst in the hills above the town of Hessian, near the City of Mexico. The water went down the gulch and flooded all the lower part of that place and drowning several men, women and children. A large church was the first coming and ran at the top of his speed, warning the inhabitants to flee for their lives. The cascade made a roaring, resistless boiling in the turbulent water, which were filled with adobe and timbers from the wrecked railway bridge, and was fully believed beneath.

The Christian and Missionary alliance boasts its work was in San Francisco Sunday. Rev. J. A. Foster opened the day's session, and was followed by Dean A. C. Peck of Denver, national field secretary of the alliance, who spoke regarding the work of the organization. The mission was practically in charge Jack Robertson, a distinguished alumnus of Yale and Harvard. Many prominent clergymen interested in the alliance came up to Oakland and spoke during the progress of the convention.

Ethel Gill, aged 8 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 child was in her bare feet, and her clothes were all torn and bloody, plainly she had been outraged and the marks about her neck indicated that she had been choked to death. The clothing was torn and disarranged, and there were other evidences that she had been a victim of a fiend. Descriptions on the work indicated strangulation, and there was a cinch on the throat as if made by some blunt instrument.

Three murderous affrays are reported from mining towns in Colorado. At the Terminus of Wm. Mitchell's mine hospital, in Ouray county, George Kline was killed by George McCormick. After the former, in an attempt to shoot Wm. Mitchell had received wounds of his own, which he thought would be fatal. He shooting was a sequel of a row at a country dance. During a quarrel over domestic affairs near Cripple Meadows county, Pat Dooley shot his brother-in-law, Patrick Hart, and fatally wounded a man named Philbrick, who came to Hart's assistance. At Telluride, Colorado county, Walter H. Birmingham was shot dead by J. Schwarz, after some words regarding the latter's wife.

Brigadier-General H. G. Otis set to-day (Monday) assumed command of the Fourth brigade of the Manila expeditionary force. An officer in his staff stated that the brigade, which at present consists of the Twenty-first Kansas will be held at Honolulu to await the third, so that all may reach Manila together. The Fourteenth infantry has received forty-four recruits from St. Louis and Cleveland. Major John's command now numbers about 1,200 men to complete it. The Fifty-first Iowa regiment will probably be assigned to Otis' brigade, and sailed for Honolulu Mon. The Nebraska regiment and one battalion of the Idaho troops sent Sunday afternoon to Oakland to join the Presidio camp. The Utahs and Minnesota volunteers will be sent off today.

At the Lick Observatory, Cal., Saturday evening a comet was discovered by Mr. Coddington, fellow in astronomy. It is in constellation Scorpio, about one degree south of the bright star Antares. The discovery was made by photography, a plate exposed for other purposes on that region of the sky showed what developed a strong trail produced by a strange object. Mr. Coddington examined the object and found it to be a comet of about the eighth magnitude, observable from 10 P. M. Hours after sunset. It is moving toward the southeast about one degree per day. As soon as conventional have been secured on three evenings, its orbit will be computed. Mr. Wright observed its spectrum and found it to be of the usual form, with continuous spectrum and weak carbon bands.

The Citizens of San Francisco made a committee of this Saturday to confer with the committee of Gen. Barrett to take charge of the business affairs of the expedition, and unanimously agreed to make a report showing that out of a $1,000,000 raised the expense of the expedition reached the sum of $1,000,000 leaving the balance of $1,000,000 to be used for the benefit of the soldiers and their families. Nearly $500,000 has been expended in outfitting and equipping the regiment, and $500,000 is secured. The total sum is divided among twenty-three societies in charitable and relief work in the metropolis and its suburbs in the country and Europe. To some money is set apart for this city, to some to the Spanish-American war fund, the committee of soldiers has taken to entire business affairs into its hands and is now conducting the business of the expedition with the assistance of the committee. There has not been need to pay in the thousand of his business affairs and the committee, who was now detailed to handling affairs is reduced to an insignificant number of men.

Nearly thousands of people visited the scene of the murder of little Ethel Gill, Butte, Mont., and hundreds went to the county jail to see the man who is suspected of it. The man is known of being able to identify Carrie Smith as the man who had been seen in various parts of the city, making indecent advances toward young girls and children. Some of these girls also identified the man as the man who had attempted to molest them. Carrie Smith is a big, ugly fellow, dressed in a blue overcoat and some of the men thereabouts are holding to water a bitter in their hands ready to hang the man. They are working every effort to find the county party and most of the citizens are in sympathy with the lynchers. The case is that when the little girl did not come home in eight and the anxious mother went to look for her she was attracted by the crowd that had gathered around the office of Justice Pomeroy, charged with a molester. The man was now remarkable, but from the description given by the little girl this was found later, and when it was no doubt at the time. Not realizing that the crowd was gathered around the mother passed on and continued her search. The little have been following the case in the papers over the Western circuit, both father and mother acting as scouts.

Major-General Otis, San Francisco, has issued a general order relative to the troops now there, into brigades as follows: First Brigade—Brigadier-General Greene commanding, Twenty-first U. S. infantry, Eighteenth U. S. infantry, Twenty-third U. S. infantry, Third U. S. artillery, Nebraska volunteers, Company C, R. engineers, Battalion A and D, California heavy artillery. Second Brigade—Brigadier-General Charles King commanding, Thirteenth, eighteenth, Minnesota, Idaho volunteers, Twenty-fourth U. S. infantry, Kansas volunteers, First regiment Idaho volunteers, two battalions Utah regiment, Tennessee volunteers, Third Brigade—Brigadier-General Hawkins commanding, Fifty-first Iowa, Fourteenth U. S. infantry, Twenty-second U. S. infantry, Third Brigade—Brigadier-General Ovenshine commanding, Fifty-first Iowa volunteers, Fourteenth U. S. infantry, Twenty-second U. S. infantry, Fourth Brigade—Brigadier-General Anderson commanding—First regiment North Dakota volunteers, First regiment South Dakota volunteers, Fifty-first regiment Iowa volunteers. The above brigade formation is intended to remain permanent until the troops arrive in the Philippines, when the expansion of the campaign may necessitate changes.

Correspondence of the News, Idaho, Statesman from the Bull Dog Bonanza mining district, says: A few days since, for half of Sunday, I was in one in the middle of Dog Creek Cross, while below the Bull Dog mine about three-quarters of a mile, was seen an abandoned mining outfit, in fair preservation. The outfit consisted of a drills, one sledge, one hand hammer, one crowbar, one shovel and one large file pick, four smaller pick handles, one dozen knives and forks, three tomato cans (it appears wrapped up in a piece of canvas) one pair of cups for a drinking cup, one dipper, half, one tin plate, one tin pan, one tin cup, about three boxes of caps for a powder, no powder, one fuse, one pair of boots, one pair of various pieces of clothing. The whole was scattered about in a radius of 50 feet, as though it had been thrown out of the mine in a hurry and left there. The mine is on the line to make one very prominent mark, and the outfit was there. The mark as well as the blank, its was fifteen and all the window with rough coping by the miners, and the individuals were then. The outfit was not scattered the traces of a fire, and was very badly rusted, the wooden parts were nothing more, to said was filled or were carried in a sack. We do not know to whom it belongs. If the man was killed by Indians it is their usual practice would equate here the outfit, and would be scattered and burnt. It appears to which man killed it. It is another mystery of Bull Dog. Further investigation in this matter is impossible, responsible to the outside tragedy may be discovered. In the meantime, the outfit is in good condition and worth a dollar. Further investigation of the matter then should rather a favor of an in the Idaho-

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