

SECRETARY LAMONT'S VISIT

Makes a Brief Stay in Omaha on His Tour of Inspection.

SEES FORT CROOK AND OMAHA BARRACKS

Pleased with the Progress of Work at New Military Post—Not Talking Politics—Party Entertained at Luncheon by General Brooke.

Secretary of War Daniel S. Lamont was in Omaha yesterday. The distinguished democratic chieftain was accompanied by Mrs. Lamont, Dr. James B. Bryant and wife, General R. N. Batchelder and Captain George W. Davis of the United States army.

The party arrived on a special via Missouri Pacific at 10 o'clock in the morning. The train stopped near Fort Omaha. General Brooke and staff met the war secretary and his party at that point and escorted them to the fort.

At the completion of the inspection Secretary Lamont told Major Humphrey that he was highly pleased with Fort Crook.

At 12:30 the distinguished guests arrived at the Webster street depot. The secretary and his party then stepped into carriages and were driven to the residence of General Brooke, at 511 South Twenty-fourth street, where they were entertained at luncheon.

Among those honored with invitations were: General Dandy and wife, Colonel Tilton, Colonel Bates, Colonel Stanton, Colonel Sumner and wife, Colonel Buchanan, Colonel Bacher and wife, Major Johnson and wife, Major Humphrey, Major Halford, Major Cushing and wife, Major Hamilton and wife, Major Worth, Major Conroy, Captain Crowder, Captain Ayers and wife, Captain Booth and wife, Lieutenant Dean, Quay Wright and Buchanan, Dr. McElderry, Judge Wakeley, Surgeon of Customs Miller, Judge Dandy, Judge Woolworth, Judge Davis, Charles Offat, T. M. Orr, G. W. Holdrege, Herman Kountze, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, Charles Greene, John L. Webster, Judge Doane, H. T. Clarke, W. J. Brestler, George Reed, Mr. R. M. Hitchcock, C. W. Lyman, R. W. Patrick and J. H. Millard.

STRICTLY OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

In conversation with a reporter at General Brooke's residence, Colonel Lamont said: "Don't ask me any questions of a political nature. I don't answer them, and all interviews of that character which give me the name of a newspaper man, I am delighted with the results of my inspection thus far. I originally intended to visit Fort Meade and Fort Niobrara, but have changed my plans, owing to limited time. Mrs. Lamont is anxious to get back to see the children, and I share this sentiment, too. I am gratified at the work on Fort Crook."

"Is there any probability of abandoning the idea of making soldiers of Indians?" was asked.

"Not that I know of, but I do not care to discuss that," replied Colonel Lamont. "You see I am not talking much on this trip. There is one thing to which I always refer with pride, and that is that I was once a newspaper man. Don't think for a moment that I have come back on the fraternity—far from it, but this is simply an official tour of inspection for the good of the service, you might term it. I wish to see things with my own eyes, and then I can act accordingly on certain matters under consideration."

As the secretary returned to the parlor and joined his wife, Surgeon Miller informed the head of the War department to remain in Omaha tonight and be entertained by his political admirers. Colonel Lamont was inexorable, however, and declined to alter his plans.

At 6 o'clock the party departed for Chicago on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

COULD NOT ACCEPT.

The Samosets endeavored to persuade Secretary Lamont to remain in Omaha last night in order that they might entertain him at an event by a banquet and reception, but the cabinet official declined with regret, as the limited time at his disposal would make acceptance impossible.

Military officers high in the army have been in conference for some time past giving consideration to points which they believe will tend to the advantage and proficiency of the department. The condition of the western forts and number of men necessary to operate them satisfactorily has been under discussion and various points have been urged which the secretary is now considering.

Concluding that a personal inspection of the forts and barracks in the western district would be a practical basis for future action, the secretary started from Washington ten days ago and has visited Fort Leavenworth, Colo., Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Fort Omaha and Fort Crook, Neb., and will complete the circuit with a visit to Fort Snelling, Minn., and Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Every point which can possibly have reference to the better government and discipline of troops has been listened to with close attention by the war secretary.

In Colorado the party visited Glenwood Springs, Manitou and other points of scenic interest.

It is the first time that the secretary has ever crossed the Missouri river, and he expresses himself as being deeply gratified at the commercial and industrial magnitude of the west.

The result of the secretary's inspection will be embodied in some general orders to be issued after his arrival in Washington.

It is the general impression in military circles that in the near future several forts in the remote west will be abandoned and forces consolidated at other garrisons.

The secretary of war complimented General Brooke and other officers upon the evidences of departmental excellence.

TWO HEROES GROWN OLD.

Retirement This Week of Admirals Benham and Irwin.

Two famous naval heroes, Admirals Benham and Irwin, retire from the public service this week. Admiral Benham has made his last year of service memorable by his intervention in the interests of American commerce after superseding Admiral Stanton at Rio. He is a man of great determination, ability and experience. In action he is cool, though impetuous in attack. His war record is a famous one.

Admiral Irwin was born in Pittsburg April 15, 1832, and was a son of William Wallace Irwin, who represented his district in congress and afterward acted as minister to Denmark. At 16 he entered the academy, and served with great distinction throughout the war.

The other noted retirements of the year are Commodore Joseph E. Fyfe, commandant of the Boston navy yard, July 26; Acting Rear Admiral Henry Erben, commanding the European squadron, September 6; Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherard, commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, November 10.

The staff retirements in the navy during the year will be Chief Engineer J. W. Moore, May 23; Chief Engineer Alexander Henderson, July 12; Chief Engineer A. J. Kierstedt, December 25; Paymaster A. D. Bacho, May 23. The only retirement in the marine corps will be that of Major A. S. Nicholson on November 5.

The most important army retirement during the new year will be that of Major General O. O. Howard, who commands the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island. He will celebrate his 61th birthday on November 8 and will go upon the retired list on that date. The only other general officer who will retire during the year is Comisary General John F. Hawkinson, September 28.

Rear Admiral Walker succeeds Admiral Irwin at Honolulu, and Admiral Stanton takes charge of the South Atlantic squadron.

Orders from Washington.

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