

THIRD NEBRASKA REGIMENT

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ONE BATTALION TO BE IN OMAHA

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(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Adjutant General Colby and other military authorities of the state are contemplating the organization of a third regiment of Nebraska National guard.

Under the new organization Omaha would be given one battalion. The metropolis now has three companies of militia, but two of them are attached to different regiments and the third is an independent organization.

Adjutant General Colby and Brigadier General Barry were in conference yesterday and it is understood that they were considering the plans for reorganization.

Both officials were out of the city today, but General Barry is quoted as having said before he left the city that the battalion organization for Omaha, at least, would be effected.

Rouse Omaha's Interest. "The organization of a battalion in Omaha would be a good thing for the military force of the state," said an officer of the guard today.

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Bail Case at Trenton Starts Out As Though It Might Last Whole Term.

(Special Telegram.)

TRIDENTON, Neb., Nov. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The whole day in court today was spent in securing a jury for the J. W. Cole case of alleged theft.

WITNESSES HAVE BEEN CALLED FROM THE east. The trial will add to an expense already great, as the case has been called at every term of court since then and put off on account of Cole's ill-health.

COLE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT this morning at 10 o'clock and entered a plea of not guilty.

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ODUSTS A CITY TREASURER

Mayor of Buffalo Takes Prompt Action on Derelict Public Official.

ASSERTED TO BE SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

Keeping of False Books is Also Charged—Shortage, as Shown by Books, is Alleged to Be \$50,000.

(Special Telegram.)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Mayor Diehl today suspended City Treasurer Philip Gerst from office. In the notice of suspension the mayor charges Mr. Gerst with misconduct in office and with having kept inaccurate and false accounts, and specifically charges that from the accounts of the city treasurer the amount of cash on hand to the credit of the city is \$50,000 in excess of the actual amount.

Specifically the mayor charges that Treasurer Gerst borrowed from banks upward of \$40,000 with which to cover up the shortage in his accounts at a time when an examination was to be made; that in August last he loaned the banks \$8,000 of the city's money and that at various times during the current year he appropriated to his own use moneys belonging to the city, the aggregate of such sums being \$4,426. After he had served with notice of removal Mr. Gerst stated to a reporter: "I don't care to discuss the matter at present. The books of my office are undergoing an examination by an expert, and the result of that examination will show that every cent of the city's money is in the hands of the city or in the hands of the city's officers."

Mayor Diehl declined to talk on the matter further than to say in reply to a query as to whether Mr. Gerst had attempted to explain the shortage or offered to tell what use he had made of the money he is alleged to have appropriated. "I believe he has accounted for the \$50,000, but so far as I know now he has made no effort to explain his account of the shortage," he said.

Robert F. Schelling, counsel for Mr. Gerst's bondsmen, said he did not believe Mr. Gerst had ever misappropriated a single dollar of the city's money. He added that he believed that all of the deficiency had been made good and that there is not a dollar owing to the city. Asked as to what Mr. Gerst's bondsmen would do in the matter, he replied: "The bondsmen will do nothing."

HIS CHECKS ARE UNPOPULAR. Stranger at Hastings Passes a Pair that the Butcher Cannot Get Cash.

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—A stranger passed worthless checks on two Hastings business men today, drawn for \$10.25 each. He first paid a visit to Kauf & Rinderspecker's butcher shop, where he bought some meat and gave them a check for \$10.25 drawn upon the First National bank of Hastings, in favor of George Martin and company. I believe he believed that all of the deficiency had been made good and that there is not a dollar owing to the city.

LEWIS-HORST TO BE HEARD AGAIN. MADISON, Neb., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Motion for a new trial in the Lewis-Horst and others' damage case has been filed. It is alleged that a witness in the case will probably last the greater part of the week.

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KANSAS CITY, Nov. 19.—A special to the Star from Hutchinson, Kan., says: The man who was found dead amidst the debris of the Missouri Pacific depot safe that was wrecked last night by burglars, is believed to have been killed by his pals to prevent him telling any tales. It is believed that the dead man was stunned by the explosion, which was heavy, and the others thinking he was too badly crippled to get away, shot him. An identification card, bearing the name of Charles M. Kinney, was found on the dead man. The card was a guarantee from the International Registry company for expenses of caring for Kinney in case of sickness or accident. It is thought that the dead man is one of an organized gang that has been operating in Kansas. The money left in the safe last night was all found under the debris.

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MURDER TRIAL AT YANKTON. YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—In circuit court the case of George McElwain, charged with the murder of John Gray in a saloon room at Gayville, was called. A jury was secured during the forenoon session and the taking of testimony was begun at the afternoon session. The case will probably last the greater part of the week.

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Five of the Islanders Arrive for Interview on Receipt with Roosevelt.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Among the passengers who arrived today by steamer from Havana were Senor Francisco Gamba, president of the Centro General de Comerciantes Industriales, and four Cuban merchants, enroute to Washington to interview President Roosevelt in relation to reciprocity with Cuba. The other members of the commission are Gustavo Bock, O. Davis, D. Velasco and Alfonso Pesant.

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