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ACTIVE WORK STARTS FOR NATIONAL GUARD

Col. George E. Thorne, U. S. A., and Major John A. Wilson, Adjutant General, in Charge

MANY TOWNS ARE INTERESTED

San Juan, However, Has Not Yet Made a Start Toward any Preliminary Organization.

Porto Rico may soon have an active National Guard organization as result of efforts being made by Major John A. Wilson, the Adjutant General of Porto Rico and Colonel Geo. E. Thorne, U. S. A., who has been detailed here to organize the National Guard in Porto Rico.

Colonel Thorne and Major Wilson planned this week to go to Ponce to see what was being done there toward a preliminary militia organization. Later visits will be made to other towns where an interest in the National Guard organization has already been shown.

In order to get the organization started and equipped as quickly as possible, Colonel Thorne has requested the War Department to authorize the use of guns and other equipment now in the custody of Colonel Melville S. Jarvis, of the Porto Rico Regiment, for issuance to the new National Guard organizations as they are formed.

According to the present plans it is proposed to organize one infantry regiment and one squadron of cavalry. After these units have been completed and trained it is possible that efforts may be made to develop a full brigade of militia here.



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So far San Juan has shown little interest in the new National Guard. In most towns that are large enough to furnish a company, committee have been appointed to take care of the preliminary organizations of the companies but San Juan has not yet gotten this far. Ponce, Yauco, Mayaguez and Aguadilla have all shown considerable interest and are expected to provide one or more companies each. Penuelas and Guayanilla together think they can raise a company and are much interested in the prospect. Other towns in the island also are making inquiries about the new organization and now that Colonel Thorne, who has been detailed specially to promote this work in Porto Rico has arrived, it is expected that actual organization will go forward rapidly.

Colonel Thorne has been engaged in militia work in the War Department for several years and is thoroughly familiar with all of its details. He is an experienced officer having been in the army for 21 years and has been service in many parts of the world. He was on duty in France in the recent war. —*Porto Rico Progress, Oct. 31st.*

THOROUGHLY CAPTURED.

A man who was wanted by the police had been photographed in six different positions, and the pictures sent to the Chief of Police of a provincial town where it was thought likely the fugitive was in hiding. After the lapse of a few day

the following reply reached headquarters:

"Sir: I duly received the portraits of the six miscreants whose capture is desired. I have arrested five of them, and the sixth is under observation and will be secured shortly". London Tits Bits. — *Ibid.*

Reward Offered.

A REWARD of Francs 50.00 is hereby offered for the apprehension of the well known prisoner Thomas Williams, alias "One-hand Tom", who escaped from Richmond Prison on Friday evening October 31st a. c.

Frederiksted Police Office, November 8th 1919.

JOHN L. CURRY,
acting Director of Police.

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