

SHARP CRITICISM BY ARMY MEN

Uncle Sam's Fighting Forces Said to Need an Overhauling

IT'S TIME TO SPECIALIZE

Battalion of Artillery Sent to Philippines Without a Single Officer

With One Battery Commanded by a Second Lieutenant.

Washington, Sept. 14.—If ferocious criticism is calculated to benefit the army, then Uncle Sam's soldiers should profit much from the comment upon their condition and ability contained in the annual report of Inspector-General Gardington, just made public. One inspector points out a whole battalion of artillery starting for the Philippine service without a single officer, and one of the batteries commanded by a second lieutenant of less than two years' service. An inspector-general declares that this absence of captains from their commands is "the most fruitful source of professional disease in the line of the army today."

In one department nearly a third of the line officers was absent from duty with their commands under detail and altogether the situation, according to the inspector-general, warrants the prediction that results of a disastrous nature must sooner or later be realized. The obvious remedy, he says, is the provision of a sufficient number of superior officers to replace those on detail.

The time for specialization in the army has arrived in the opinion of another inspector-general. He says: "We try to crowd too much upon the officers and enlisted men of the line. That is we try to teach all of them everything instead of specializing and only teaching each as much as he can learn well with ordinary application, which, however much we may expect, is all we can ever obtain."

People who think the United States army stands at the top of the profession would be rudely jarred to learn from Inspector-General Bell that the field army is wholly unprepared for service. He says the new regulations are almost entirely theoretical, or dependent upon the experience of European armies. Our transportation is the same as at the beginning of the Civil war, for our army has so far failed to make use of automobiles, traction engines and other modern appliances in the field.

HAPPY ASSOCIATION MEETS AT INDEPENDENCE HILL

Charlotte, Sept. 14.—The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus association of the Baptist church held their regular annual meeting at the church at Independence Hill yesterday.

The set business for the meeting of the association consisted of the reception of and action upon various reports.

Gym. Classes Ready For Active Training

The gym classes at the Y. M. C. A. will start active training Thursday night. Mr. Luther Ray will have charge of the junior department and manage the boys basketball team. General physical culture work, floor drills, apparatus work and various athletic games will compose the winter general programme.

The basketball teams have been practicing for sometime past. The candidates for the junior team under the management of Mr. Ray, expect to put out a strong team this season. The youngsters trying for the team are Watkins, Chesnam, Escherman, Pollard, Thomson, Legrande, Faucit and Carter.

Great Democratic Rally at Thraillhills

The Durham and South Carolina excursion to Thraillhills is in Chatham county will carry a good crowd from this vicinity tomorrow if the weather conditions are not unfavorable. The occasion is the opening of the campaign in Chatham county by Governor Kiehn and Mr. Victor E. Bryant of this city. Another attraction will be the free barbecue, that will be served to all who attend absolutely free of charge. The speaking has been extensively advertised around the city. The train leaves the D. & S. C. station at 9:30 and will return in the afternoon in ample time for supper.

Maine Is Now Among Democratic States

Republicans Lost Head of Ticket by at Least 5,000 Majority. Also Several Members of Congress and Senator Hale Faces Probable Defeat at the Hands of Legislators

Portland, Me., Sept. 13.—Local conditions were not responsible for yesterday's Democratic victory. The people of Maine voted on national issues. High prices were a factor, the control of the republican party by trusts and financial interests, Cannonism—all contributed to our victory. The people of this country are tired of republican misrule.

The above are the words of Governor-elect Plafied, who yesterday swung republican Maine into the democratic column for the first time in thirty years when asked for a statement as to his belief for the remarkable turn over.

It is admitted, however, that the progressive movement which is sweeping the United States was a potent factor in yesterday's voting.

Republican leaders today are claiming but two congressmen from the wreck of their political machine. They say the official returns will show the election of Arthur C. Hirdman, the first district, and Congressman Guernsey, in the fourth. Democratic leaders dispute this, however, and insist that all four of the democratic candidates in the congressional elections were successful.

It is certain, they claim, that democrats have a majority of the legislature on joint ballot, thus insuring a Democratic successor to Senator Hale, long the recognized head of the republican party in this state as well as a republican leader in the nation.

General, though incomplete, returns from all over Maine at noon today showed still the chances favoring the democrats in all four congressional districts.

Portland, Me., Sept. 13.—There was no uncertainty in the voice with which

Maine yesterday recorded her preference for governor and her attitude on the issues of the campaign generally the plurality given to Frederick M. Plafied of Augusta, (Democrat) being decisively large, while three of the four congressional districts which are ordinarily strongly republican returned democratic candidates.

In the face of the sweeping democratic victory, the republican leaders were overwhelmed with surprise and the magnitude of their success astonished even the most sanguine of democrats. It was the first beating the republicans of Maine, the state of Maine and Reed had had in many years, and by a coincidence Harris M. Plafied, father of the present state candidate was Maine's last democratic governor in the year 1881.

Asher C. Hinds, of Portland, parliamentary clerk of the House of Representatives was defeated for congress in the first district while Congressman Burleigh in the third district and Congressman Swasey in the second also went down to defeat.

Ogdon Plafied, the governor-elect goes up to the capital with a plurality larger than that given 3 years ago to his defeated republican opponent, Governor Bert M. Fernald of Poland.

Close political observers, however, early heard mutterings not loud, but deep. The so-called "old guard" had to stand a lot of party criticism and even the leaders were out of harmony with a new element which had begun to manifest itself, especially in the western part of the state.

The election passed off without any unfortunate incident, in fact it was one of the quietest in years. The vote was about an average one for an off-year and the total will run to about 148,000.

MAY ISSUE NEW BOOK

TRIBUTE TO THE ABILITY OF A TRINITY PROFESSOR

An order has been received by Professor A. Anderson, the new professor in the department of law of Trinity College, from a publishing firm in Chicago, for a pamphlet of 125 or more pages. The subject which is to be treated is one in which Professor Anderson is deeply interested, and one in which he has devoted much special study. He is given the rest of the year in which to prepare the book but has not decided definitely to undertake the work. The labor expended on this book would bring him a splendid recompense, and he has the matter under advisement.

The offer from this firm comes as a tribute to Professor Anderson's ability in that special phase of the law, as well as a recognition of the quality of the law school with which he has affiliated himself. It is hoped that the professor will undertake the work and add another to the strong list of law books which have gone forth bearing the imprint of the Trinity College law school.

DR. BRIDES WORKED OUT HIS MEN MONDAY EVENING

Chapel Hill, Sept. 14.—Sam Spencer, the well known all south Atlantic halfback at the A. and M. arrived in Chapel Hill yesterday and expects to begin work at once. Spencer is a punter, the one thing that the Carolina team lacked.

Dr. Brides lined up a team for light signal practice Monday evening which with one exception was made up entirely of his last year's "varsity." He gave some of the same old plays to work on and sent them hiking up the field under his watchful eye.

Brides expects to avail himself of the advantage of having old material to begin work on and will get these men at work on the finer points of the game at a much earlier date than if the larger part of his squad was new stock.

This year the race will be to the swift more than to the strong and Dr. Brides is making every effort to develop speed in his squad.

DRUNKEN NEGRESS STONED NURSE ROLLING LITTLE CHILD.

Asheville, Sept. 14.—Considerable excitement was caused here Monday afternoon when a drunken negress named Willie May Gudgeon started a row with Bertie Moore, nurse for Mrs. E. T. Brown on Haywood street while the latter was rolling Francis, the fourteen months old baby of Mrs. Brown.

The drunken negress threw several rocks and missiles of all kinds at the nurse, several of them striking her and one striking the baby in his carriage. Mrs. Brown called up police headquarters and had a policeman sent out to arrest the Gudgeon girl.

The negress was heavily fined in police court and will probably go to the county in default of payment.

CRIPPENS LIFE HANGS BY HAIR

Government Analytical Expert Made Damaging Admissions

COULDN'T DETERMINE SEX

Prosecution Left Almost Completely Without Means to Establish Identity of Body Found in Doctor's Home—Court Started by Sensational Turn.

London, Sept. 14.—Dr. Crippen's life literally hangs by a hair today.

Dr. Pepper, the government analytical expert upon whose testimony the prosecution placed much confidence in its effort to bring Dr. Crippen to punishment for the alleged murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, when under examination today by Attorney Newton, counsel for Crippen, practically admitted that it would be impossible by an anatomical study of the remains found in Dr. Crippen's home, to determine the sex of the body.

Not only was the prosecution astonished by Dr. Pepper's admission, but the whole court was startled by the sensational turn of affairs which is looked upon as a complete collapse of the case of the prosecution.

Dr. Pepper's admission leaves the identification of the body dependent almost wholly upon the strands of hair found near it, knotted to a man's handkerchief and the remains of a woman's undergarment.

The evidence of the hair, however, is practically valueless because of Dr. Pepper's admission that the hair in the handkerchief was lighter and much shorter than other hair found near the body of the dead person found in the doctor's home.

Miss Leavelle is breaking down. That she is on the verge of a nervous breakdown was shown by convulsive actions which she vainly tried to hide.

During the recess Dr. Crippen and Miss Leavelle shared a glass of water and exchanged a few words. Until today's resumption of the hearing in the Bow street police court, Dr. Pepper has maintained that the remains were those of a woman. His admission today coupled with that of Dr. Marshall, makes the question of sex hinge on extraneous evidence and the general legal opinion is that this is insufficient to prove a "corpus delicti."

Dr. Crippen is much elated at the overthrow of Pepper's testimony. Pepper testified that a person who removed the viscera of the body must have been a clever surgical operator. Dr. Pepper said today that experts on behalf of the defense had examined the remains last Friday and it is expected these experts will be called today.

FOR FIRST VOTERS CLUB

Captain Chambers Designated to Lead in Good Work.

Editor of Durham Sun, Durham, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I read your article in yesterday's paper regarding the formation of a First Voters Club with much pleasure. I heartily endorse the idea and trust that you will continue to urge the formation of such a club. As chairman of the county democratic executive, I hereby designate Captain Sidney C. Chambers to take the lead in the matter and I trust that all who read these lines will notify him or me of the names of each young man who votes this year for the first time.

Yours truly,
H. A. FOUSHEE,
Ch'm Dem. Co. Ex. Com.

GUILFORD CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL GOOD ROADS.

High Point, Sept. 14.—The Guilford County Commissioners yesterday contracted with the Indian Refining Company for ten miles of bitulithic road on the highway between Greensboro and High Point, the work of construction to begin at an early date. The bitulithic will begin at the corporate limits on Spring Garden street and will be built for two thirds of the distance between the two cities. In all probability the commissioners will decide to complete the road into High Point before the present contract is finished.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Thursday, cooler.

Charlestons Vote Made Blease Victory Certain

Newberry Man, Favoring Local Option, Gets Away With Nomination for Governor of South Carolina, Defeating Featherstone, State Wide Prohibitionist.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 14.—Returns from the second primary so far received indicate the election of Cole L. Blease, of Newberry, for governor. Featherstone, of Laurens, W. W. Moore, of Barnwell, is safely in the lead for adjutant-general. For railroad commissioner, G. McDuffie Hampton, of Columbia, holds a 4,000 lead over James Canaler, of Tirzah.

In the second congressional district James Byrnes, of Aiken, and J. O. Patterson, of Barnwell, incumbent, are running neck and neck, with Byrnes slightly in the lead, but this may be changed when later returns come in.

In the sixth congressional district J. E. Ellerbe, of Marion, incumbent, leads F. A. Hodges, of Marlboro by

1,100 with prospects of increasing his lead.

Blease entered the race as a local option advocate with Featherstone the champion of the state-wide prohibition. In the first primary, there were four other candidates, but all were eliminated except Messrs. Blease and Featherstone. Before the first primary the battle was fought out largely on the liquor question, but since that time the press of the state had centered a vigorous attack on Blease's record.

The result, however, is largely a defeat for state-wide prohibition as many of Blease's votes were drawn from men opposed to this proposition. Especially was this the case in Charleston which gave Blease a large majority.

MAD A NARROW ESCAPE

WELL CLEANER OVERCOME BY FOUL GASSES.

Statesville, Sept. 14.—James G. Page, a veteran well cleaner, had an experience in a well a few miles east of here Monday afternoon, which came near costing him his life. While being drawn from the well he was overcome by foul gasses and fell back, and when finally rescued life was almost extinct.

On going into the well, which is very deep, Mr. Page told his assistants at the windlass that when he sent up his tools in the bucket they would know that he desired to come up with the next bucket. After he had been in the well some little bit Mr. Page sent up the tools and the men at the windlass hurriedly let down the bucket again to draw him up. Only a few rounds of the windlass had been made, however, when there was a sudden jerk on the rope, the weight was gone, and it was realized that Mr. Page had fallen from the bucket. Mr. Roger Barkley volunteered to go into the well and on doing so he found Mr. Page at the bottom. A rope was procured and was fastened about his body and he was rapidly drawn from the well, followed by his rescuer, Mr. Barkley reported foul air in the well and it was realized at once that the foul air or gasses had suffocated Mr. Page and caused him to fall from the bucket.

FOUR KILLED, THREE HURT

BAD WRECK OF SPECIAL TRAIN ON NORFOLK AND WESTERN.

Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 14.—Four people were killed and three others injured last night when a special train on the Norfolk and Western Railroad was wrecked at Delorme, W. Va.

The dead:
Engineer E. D. Burton,
Fireman John Holland,
F. L. Wollwin,
H. O. Hughes, division engineer.

President E. L. Johnson and General Manager N. D. Maher were on the train on a tour of inspection at the time of the accident and were both injured.

The agent at Delorme station who was in the depot at the time of the accident was caught under flying timbers and seriously hurt.

The injured were removed to the railroad hospital at Welch, W. Va.

Mr. Klutz and Miss Rankin Improving

Greensboro, Sept. 14.—Word has reached here that Mr. A. J. Klutz, who was thought to be dangerously injured when his automobile turned over with a party he was driving and was taken to a Salisbury hospital, is doing nicely. It is stated that he will be able to be out in probably a week's time. He was not hurt internally, his greatest injury being in one of his ankles, which is very painful.

Miss Rankin who was in the wreck, was able to return to Greensboro Monday and is getting along very well though her injuries are painful. She seems to have suffered freely from the shock. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, also of the party, are all right.

Fell From Train Fracturing Skull

New Bern, Sept. 14.—While attempting to board the westbound passenger train at Morehead City Monday, Mr. E. C. Gaskins, of this city, was thrown to the ground, his head striking a protruding crossbar, and he is now at the hospital with a crushed skull and in a critical condition.

Passengers on the train saw the accident and they signalled to the engine to stop. This was done and the young man carried into one of the coaches, where temporary medical assistance was rendered him. Upon reaching this city he was immediately carried to the hospital, where an operation was performed, and he is now resting as well as could be expected, but with slight chance of recovery.

CHEMICAL COMPANY MAKE CHANGE IN WILMINGTON

Wilmington, Sept. 14.—Following a meeting of officials of the company in Richmond, Va., Saturday, announcement of an important business change is made here, the transfer of Mr. W. H. Malloy, president and treasurer of the Virginia Guano Company, to Columbia, S. C., where he will have charge of the sales department of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., in that division, and the election of Mr. E. T. Taylor, of Wilmington, to succeed him.

The change becomes effective at once, Mr. Malloy having left yesterday afternoon for Columbia to arrange the affairs of his division prior to moving to Columbia on October 1, and Mr. Taylor having left, also on an afternoon train, for Winston-Salem in connection with his new duties, as president and treasurer of the Virginia-Carolina interests in this division.

J. M. COX LEAVES THE FIELD TO S. L. DUDLEY

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 14.—It is announced that J. M. Cox, who with S. L. Dudley were to be in the second primary for sheriff has withdrawn from the race leaving the field to Mr. Dudley who will not have to make a second campaign. Dudley's vote over Cox in the first primary was 423.

DULCET QUARTET AT Y. M. C. A. HALL THURSDAY NIGHT

The Dulcet quartet will sing at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night, taking up the entire evening. At the close of the entertainment a collection will be asked for, and only those so disposed are asked give.

HAS MORSE PRESS WHAT?

Sensational Story of New York

OFFICIALS CAN'T TALK

Noted Pioneer Appears to Have a Way to Get Inside Atlanta Before the Public Despite Springing Rules and Regulations of Institution.

Atlanta, Sept. 14.—More and more it looks as if the Atlanta correspondents of certain New York papers are working the Charles W. Morse story for a "good thing," considering the way dispatches about him and his punishment in the Atlanta federal prison continue to be printed under Atlanta date lines.

The latest is a column story on the front page of a New York newspaper last Sunday, so written as to give the impression that the statement made recently by Warden William H. Moyer did not contain the whole truth.

Morse was not put on the bread and water diet while he was in solitary confinement, stated Warden Moyer; but the New York special dispatch says he was. Morse's refusal to tell where he got \$400 was "polite but firm," stated Warden Moyer; but the dispatch quoted, declared he defied authority and denounced Deputy Warden Harrison for hounding him from the day he entered the prison. Morse's health was not damaged by his two-day sojourn in a solitary cell, declared Warden Moyer; but this latest dispatch says he came out a "ghastly sight, looking 15 years older than when he went in;" and adds that his condition so aroused the prisoners that it wouldn't have taken much to start a riot.

In the absence of Warden Moyer, who is out of the city for several days, the story was read to Deputy Warden Harrison. It was most likely he would have had something to say in reply to it, if he could discuss prison affairs concerning an individual prisoner. But he can't. The same rule Moyer to keep silent concerning Morse until the attorney general's office gave him special permission to make a statement.

The paragraph saying that Morse denounced him was read to Deputy Harrison a second time. He was asked if the paragraph told the truth. But he couldn't even say a word on that point.

Following a recital of the details of how Morse was discovered to have money and to have distributed some of it to prisoners, the story says further (this being the paragraph in reference to Deputy Harrison, mentioned above):

"Deputy Warden Harrison, who is greatly disliked by the prisoners sent for Morse. Morse confessed to having money. Harrison then ordered Morse to 'face the wall,' rather than undergo which ordeal prisoners would endure solitary confinement for days. Morse refused. Warden Moyer was sent for and Morse's self control gave way. He denounced Deputy Warden Harrison. Accusing him of having hounded him over since he came to the prison and of trying to take away every privilege that the warden had granted him."

The remainder of the story consists of a description of the solitary cell in which Morse was confined, and a lengthy paragraph in conclusion to the effect that Morse's health is completely broken down, owing to some complaint that refuses to yield to treatment, and that much of his time in prison has been spent in the hospital.

Democrats to Frame the Constitution

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 14.—Democrats will write the constitution of the new state of Arizona. In the election of delegates to the constitutional convention they won at least 25 out of 35 seats in the convention. The official canvass probably will increase the number of democrats.

If campaign platforms and pledges are carried out to the letter the constitution will establish the prohibition of the initiative, referendum and recall, direct election of United States senators and direct primary.

State wide prohibition and woman's suffrage may be fought out on the floor of the convention or established as amendments to a popular vote simultaneously with the constitution.

Young Stronach Discharged

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—Young Stronach, charged with selling liquor, was discharged by Justice E. H. ...