

THE CARE OF OUR TROOPS.

More Testimony Before the Commission.

POOR DIET FOR FIGHTERS

Doing Duty in the Trenches on Half a Hardtack for a Meal—Witnesses Testify to Sick Soldiers Sleeping on the Ground—Hospitals Over-Crowded. Cavalrymen Patients Removed from the Hospitals too Soon—Difficulty in Getting Medical Supplies.

Huntsville, Ala., October 26.—The war investigating commission today postponed the inspection of the camp owing to a mild snow storm and very muddy roads. The camp here is a large one with about fifteen sub-divisions of troops, to say nothing of the hospitals. There are a great many regulars here, and among them many who participated in the Santiago campaign. Many of these will be examined by the commission. The investigation here will be directed especially to the procuring of facts concerning the management of the hospitals and the care of the sick while the army was in Cuba.

The commission began the examination of witnesses today, with General Louis H. Carpenter, who is in command during General Wheeler's absence. He had been at Chickamauga, Tampa and at Fernandina before coming here. He said the camp at Chickamauga was too crowded. That at Tampa was unsatisfactory, but it was not intended to be permanent. That at Fernandina was ideal. The food supply had been ample throughout, but quartermasters' supplies were generally slow and there had been especial trouble in securing tents. There was more difficulty in getting supplies at Tampa than elsewhere, because of railroad congestion.

Major Chas. M. Gandy, the surgeon who was in charge of the medical supply depot at Tampa, said he had been unable to fill all reasonable requisitions for medical supplies with promptness, but many bulky articles for which substitutes could be had were not supplied. Regular troops were easily satisfied, but the volunteers were exacting. Still, there were delays and he mentioned one instance of supplies ordered from New York that were not received for two months. He had fitted out the Shafter expedition for Cuba and thought that in the main the expedition was fairly supplied. This was especially true of the first requisition. He had afterward heard that many of the stores came back to Tampa in the hold of the Ironsides. He gave the name of Captain Munson as authority for the latter statement and he was sure that Captain Munson would testify willingly and fully.

During the afternoon session of the commission a number of officers who had served in the Santiago campaign and in Florida were examined.

General A. G. Carpenter said the sick at Santiago had suffered somewhat on account of the deficiency of medicines and medical supplies, but this was the only deprivation of which he spoke. The troops did not receive the entire ration while in the field, but he was quite sure that no man in the command had gone hungry.

Captain Geo. S. Casert, who had been aide to General Kent in the Santiago campaign, said that doubtless some of the men had been hungry at times, but he thought the excitement of battle had sustained them. On the night of July 1st, he had half a hardtack for supper and the remaining half the next morning. He thought that under the circumstances the commissary department had been quite efficient in Santiago.

Lieutenant Farnsworth, General Lawton's quartermaster at Santiago, gave the details of forwarding supplies and Lieutenant Grierson, chief commissary at Tampa, and Captain Thompson who had held the position at Fernandina, told of the supplies at these two points. Mr. Farnsworth said that for a time he had been impossible to get full rations to the front. Messrs. Grierson and Thompson said the principal complaints they had heard about

supplies concerned the bacon furnished.

Major H. D. Thomason, surgeon of the Thirty-third Michigan, who had served in the general hospital at Montauk point after August 17th, said that in August there were 600 patients in the hospital and that there were often eight in a tent. There were in the beginning of his service not sufficient cots and some men had to sleep on blankets. Some of the members of the hospital corps were without training, but he had known of but one instance in which the hospital refuse was thrown out on the ground beside the tent. There were times when there was not a sufficient number of attendants. As a rule the surgeons were capable, but when he went into the institution there was a sad deficiency in numbers. He had heard no complaint of ill treatment from patients, but there was criticism from outsiders. He thought deaths were caused by the removal of patients before they were in condition to be moved, yet the removals were made to make place for others who were still sick and who, otherwise, would not have found a place in the hospital. In one instance he had been told to get 300 ready for removal, but when going through the hospital he had found only seventy fit to be moved and had demanded a written order. This order he did not get and, therefore, removed only the seventy. He estimated that from 200 to 500 had been thus prematurely removed.

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THE FRENCH CRISIS

Minister Chanoiné's Reason for Resigning—The President's Intention as to a New Cabinet

Paris, October 26.—The Petit Journal today publishes an interview with the former minister of war, General Chanoiné, who explained that he resigned on account of the difference of opinion with the premier, M. Brisson, about the Picquart affair. He added that he had not demanded the prosecution of the papers which had been attacking the army, because he considered that the penalties provided by the laws were insufficient.

President Faure this morning received in audience Senator Loubet, president of the senate; and M. Deschanel, president of the chamber of deputies.

It is the intention of M. Faure to form a new cabinet as rapidly as possible and the names of MM. Ribot and de Freycinet are the most prominently mentioned in connection with the premiership.

During the afternoon M. Faure consulted with M. Lévygué, vice president of the chamber of deputies, who advised the formation of a concentration cabinet, to include among its members M. Ribot and Dupuy as the principal ministers.

In the lobbies of the chamber of deputies today the deputies of all shades of opinion expressed the conviction that M. Delcassé should remain at the head of the foreign office in order to insure the continuity of the Fashoda negotiations.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. R. R. Bellamy.

The Montgomery Sails for Charleston

Nassau, N. P., October 26.—The cruiser Montgomery sailed for Charleston today having on board the commission headed by Smith M. Weed, and President Heuresaux, of San Domingo.

It is understood that all the negotiations have been concluded on a satisfactory basis. The commission headed by Smith M. Weed is not a governmental body. Mr. Weed represents an American company which is said to control all the railroads of San Domingo.

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Officers Honorably Discharged

Washington, October 26.—The following officers have been honorably discharged, their services being no longer required: Lieutenant Colonel John Jacob Astor, inspector general, appointed from New York; Captain Frederick M. Alger, assistant adjutant general, appointed from Michigan (son of Secretary Alger); Captain James H. McMillan, assistant quartermaster, appointed from Michigan (son of Senator McMillan, of Michigan).

The Bantam Championship

London, October 25.—The bantam championship match between Pedlar Palmer, of England, and Billy Rotchford, of Chicago, which was fixed for the National Sporting Club next month, has been declared off. Rotchford's health will not permit of his training and he will return to the United States in a few days. It is not likely that he will ever again be fit for a big fight.

A Banquet to Secretary Long

Boston, October 26.—Secretary of the Navy Long received a genuine New England welcome at Music Hall tonight on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Republican Club of Massachusetts. There were more than 800 republicans at the table. The other guests of honor were Governor Wadsworth, Senator Lodge and Congressman Dingley. Secretary Long was the principal speaker.

FEDERAL BAYONETS

To be Used by Republicans in Carrying Election in North Carolina.

DEMOCRATS CALLED ASSASSINS.

Senator Pritchard's Second Visit to the President—He Insists That Troops be Sent to This State—Charges That Republicans of Wilmington are Marked for Slaughter—No Crimes Too Heinous for Democrats to Commit—The Wilmington Committee in Conference With the Governor.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 26.—The Wilmington committee called on the governor at the executive office at 4 o'clock this afternoon and held a conference with him which lasted over two hours.

At 8:30 o'clock the committee again met the governor, this time at the executive mansion.

At 11:30 o'clock the committee left. Its members declined to say anything further than that the proposed republican speaking will not take place next Saturday.

Your correspondent ascertained from a republican that yesterday a decision was made that there ought to be no speaking and that the appointment of Senator Pritchard to speak there was made off hand by the governor and Senator Butler. Republicans here advised Pritchard not to speak, but to return to the Ninth district. They told him he was under no obligations to speak as he had not made the appointment. They further said that one false step now would lose them the state.

The populists and republican fusionists have issued a joint address. Republicans are declaring tonight that there will be no trouble at Wilmington and that they look for a quiet election. They are also declaring that no troops are to be sent into this state. One of their leaders said: "Such a step would ruin us."

It is learned that there will be some sort of development tomorrow. A leading populist so says, but declines to say more.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Annual Meeting of the Association. Larger Appropriations for Pensions and Aid to the Home Advocated.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 26.—At the North Carolina Confederate Veteran Association annual meeting here tonight Julian S. Carr, president in absence of Francis M. Parker, president. The latter's absence was due to sickness in his family.

The annual report was read by the secretary, C. B. Denson. It asks for larger appropriations for pensions and for the soldiers' home, and appoints John A. Ramsay, F. H. Busby, W. A. Thorn, W. C. Stronach, and C. B. Denson a committee to represent this matter to the next legislature.

Thanks were tendered the women of the state for their care for veterans in the home.

Julian S. Carr, was unanimously elected president, J. A. Ramsay, of Salisbury, vice president and C. B. Denson was re-elected secretary. There will be another meeting of the association during the session of the legislature if President Carr so decides.

A DISAPPOINTED THROG

The Philadelphia Peace Jubilee Program Postponed on Account of the Weather—The President in the City

Philadelphia, October 26.—President McKinley and party arrived here at noon today, but, instead of finding the city in the midst of enjoyment of its peace celebration, he found a dreary, desolate condition of affairs and many thousands of citizens and visitors in the throes of disappointment on account of the interruption of the jubilee exercises in consequence of a prevailing rain storm.

Early in the day the citizens' jubilee committee met at the mayor's office and very quickly concluded to abandon the day's programme and to postpone the civic parade until Friday.

President McKinley this evening tendered a dinner and reception at the union league. The dinner was entirely informal and was given by the board of directors of the league.

At the reception which followed there were fully 4,000 guests. The crowd was so great that the president was not even asked to say anything. He stood in one of the side rooms, the line of visitors passing and shaking him by the hand.

Naval Constructor Hobson was among those who shook hands with the president and he received a kindly word of greeting.

The president tomorrow will review the military parade. He will leave for Washington tomorrow night.

It is learned that the president has with him at all times since leaving Washington a body guard of three detectives. The president, however, said tonight that he never felt so safe as while in Philadelphia.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure Sick Headache, Biliaryness, Inactive Liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. R. R. Bellamy.

BIG DAY IN WILSON

The Democratic Rally—Eight Thousand People Present—A Big Dinner and Good Speeches

(Special to The Messenger.)

Wilson, N. C., October 26.—Although the day opened with rain yet so dear to the hearts of the peoples of this county is the great cause of white supremacy that fully 8,000 people joined us on our great rally today. At 10 o'clock the business houses closed and the parade was formed. Under the leadership of Captain Samuel Hodges and Mr. W. T. Clark, 400 men on horseback together with the Wilson brass band, formed and paraded the town. Banners, flags and cheers were intermingled with one another. It was an inspiring sight and will be long remembered by those who witnessed it.

The parade then went to the mammoth Woodard warehouse where the speaking was to take place. It was thought best to divide the crowd, and so part remained at the warehouse to hear Hon. Cyrus Watson, of Winston, and Hon. H. G. Connor, the next representative of the people of this county, the other part going to the court house to hear the brilliant young champion of democracy from our sister county of Johnston, Hon. E. W. POU, and Hon. B. F. Aycock, of Wayne.

It is needless to say anything in regard to what these gentlemen said—their names are enough. Then came the dinner. The ladies, and there were plenty of them, went to Watson's warehouse and the voters went to the Centre Brick warehouse. It was a great day. Enthusiasm ran high and democracy in Wilson is going to win in a walk on the 8th of November.

Some one knows officially just what the extent of the United States' claim will be as to the Philippines. Admiral Dewey has a much higher opinion of the Philippine people and their capacity for self-government than is generally supposed. He has represented to the American commissioners that the Philippines of the northern group, meaning that, first the people on the island of Luzon and after that, in order, Cebu, Manila, Leyte, Mindoro and Samar, as a rule, intelligent, practical and (as yet) unspoiled people, far better qualified for self-government than the inhabitants of Cuba. Admiral Dewey is as familiar with the qualifications of the Cubans in this respect as most any naval officer, having had personal experience with them. His statement is bound to have weight with the American commissioners, but with all this he has made no recommendation as to what should constitute the maximum or minimum of the Americans, and their demands, consequently, are likely to be based upon their original instructions, qualified by any change of opinion the president may have experienced as a result of his western trip.

Some apprehension has been manifested in certain quarters as to the possible adverse effect upon the peace negotiations of an upheaval in France. It has been suggested that the Spanish cause is in such shape that the Spanish government has nothing to lose and everything to gain by any change that can be brought about. However, it may be stated that in the opinion of the state department, there is here little danger of the situation in Paris becoming so acute as to justify an abandonment of the peace of the commission on the ground that the commissioners themselves are in physical danger.

Paris, October 26.—The American peace commissioners held a session of several hours' duration today, prior to the joint session of the two commissions which opened at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The meeting of the commissioners lasted two hours, and was adjourned till tomorrow. Both the Spanish and the American commissioners were more reticent after the session than ever before. The Americans fully appreciate not only their own serious responsibilities, but also the delicate position of their Spanish colleagues. To the burden of those who are engaged in the critical political situation at Madrid, which may compel the president of the Spanish commission (who is also president of the Spanish senate, Senator Montero Rios, to leave Paris.

The Madrid correspondent of The Times, in confirming the report that Premier Sagasta and the queen-regent have prevailed upon the minister of war, General Corrales, to indefinitely postpone his resignation, pending the conclusion of the peace negotiations, said that they represented to the general that his withdrawal might entail not only the fall of the cabinet, but also the resignation of certain members of the Spanish commission, including Senator Montero Rios, and thereby greatly compromise the issue of the peace negotiations.

The correspondent of The Times adds: "The net result is that an open crisis seems to have been avoided until the conclusion of the treaty of peace. In any case, this has done away with the necessity for an ad interim government, which was lately suggested as likely to be the only solution of the political difficulties."

The peace negotiations are now pending the discussion of the Philippine question the Americans feel that no part of the proceedings has so demanded their considerate treatment.

It may be noted tonight with certainty that the Cuban question has not yet been considered by the Americans, nor have the Spaniards accepted as an ultimatum the United States' refusal to assume any part of the Cuban debt. It may, however, be assumed that the Philippine question is not reached today, but it may be discussed at tomorrow's session.

THE PEACE COMMISSION

About Through with Cuba and Porto Rico.

AS TO THE PHILIPPINES

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A Pretty Wedding at Pollockville

(Special to The Messenger.)

Pollockville, October 26.—Tonight at 7 o'clock the Baptist church of this place was the scene of a pretty wedding. The contracting parties were Miss Kate L. Holland and Mr. Dan L. Whitford.

Long before the happy hour arrived, the church, which was artistically and elaborately decorated, was filled to overflowing. At the appointed hour the bride and maid of honor entered by the left aisle, while the groom and his best man entered by the right aisle.

Miss Bepta Bell was maid of honor and Mr. John Whitford best man. The little Misses Effie Andrews and Helen Brogren were flower girls, and the ushers were Messrs. T. W. Egarden, J. B. Bender, Jack Pearce and Paul Koonce.

Miss Birdie Koonce presided at the organ, and artistically rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march.

After the wedding a reception was held at the bride's home. The reception was an elaborate affair, and will long be remembered by all present. At 10:30 o'clock the bridal party left for New Bern, where another reception was awaiting them at the home of the groom's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitford leave tomorrow for New York, Boston and other northern cities.

To Investigate Charges Against Federal Officers

Washington, October 26.—Secretary Doyle and Law Clerk Washburn of the civil service commission, with a stenographer, have gone to Richmond, Va., to investigate the charges recently preferred against federal officials there of political assessments and other offenses. The investigation is likely to occupy several days.

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