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UNCLE SAM'S GREAT GUNS

A VISIT TO THE PLACE WHERE THEY ARE TURNED OUT.

Amazing Improvements in the Making of Ordnance Since the Days of Dahlgren. A Complete Establishment Covering Areas of Ground.

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HE visitor who goes to the Washington navy yard asks for the commander in chief of the establishment. He is ushered into the presence of an erect, square-shouldered, keen-eyed man of forty-two or thereabouts. This man is Commodore William Folger, and he is regarded as one of the most remarkable and brainy men of the navy.

Thirty years ago Captain Dahlgren of the navy and General Rodman of the army were the government's great gun-builders, and the Rodman and Dahlgren guns were famous in their time and regarded as the greatest of the world's art.

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close of the war, began again. It was decided that the manufacture of the guns for the navy should be divided between private foundries and government shops, the former supplying the forged and tempered parts and the latter finishing the parts and assembling them.

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So rapidly and skillfully have the equipments of the foundry, which covers several acres of ground in the navy yard, been increased that a 6-inch gun which two years ago took six months to complete can now be finished in ten days, and a 10-inch gun can be completed in three months, a 15-inch gun in five months and a 12-inch in about seven months. One hundred and three guns have recently been finished at the foundry and forty-eight are now in process of construction.

AN ADDRESS

DELIVERED BY THE ST. LOUIS DELEGATES

To the Brotherhood of the Farmers' Alliance in North Carolina—The Great Industrial Convention and What it Did.

Having been honored with a commission from you as delegates to the Industrial Conference at St. Louis on the 22nd inst., we, the undersigned, deem it due that we should render, at the earliest practical moment, a truthful statement of the work accomplished and of our action as your representatives in that body.

The six organizations embraced in the official call issued by the Committee on Confederation, were represented by seven hundred and thirty-seven properly accredited delegates. To these were added the delegates of seven other kindred organizations (on the recommendation of the Committee on Credentials), making in the aggregate over one thousand delegates, and representing almost every State in the Union. The Committee on Platform consisted of one hundred and twenty members, representing every State and every organization.

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PENNSYLVANIA GRIT.

FIGHTING RECORD OF COL. MADILL'S GALLANT REGIMENT.

The One Hundred and Forty-first Pennsylvania Had Its Own Bloody Angles at Chambersville and at Gettysburg. Its Exceptionally Heavy Losses.

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It was over a hundred. A whole Confederate division was routed, and Graham's brigade, and in a short time the One Hundred and Forty-first was engaged, front, flank and rear.

The crisis that was upon the soldier hearted had fallen upon these quiet, sound-hearted Pennsylvanians, and away off in one corner of the great fight at Chambersville they stood up in the lone woods and fought like heroes. Both the regimental color bearers were quickly shot down, and the leader of the color company, Capt. Swartz, was instantly killed while lifting one of the fallen flags.

Gen. Graham wisely withdrew his men before their slaughter was complete, and retired slowly. On reaching the wooded ridge some distance from the log fence and where the brigade had begun the fighting, he ordered the colonel of regiments to reform their disordered ranks. Col. Madill, whose smiling face and encouraging words had animated the regiment throughout the bloody Sunday morning, saw the flagstaff of the One Hundred and Forty-first, which he was still carrying, firmly in the ground, and in a loud voice struck up the familiar camp song:

Rally round the flag, boys. The men responded heartily, joining in the singing, and the work that shortly before surrounded with their cheers were echoing back the notes of music that which nobler was never heard on the battlefield, and with unshaken coolness and resolution, despite the terrible expenses of the hour, the unwounded survivors faced the enemy again with closed ranks.

Chambersville was followed by Gettysburg, two months later, on Pennsylvania soil. The story of that fight is too well known to need rehearsal, and the One Hundred and Forty-first was with Graham's brigade in the front line of the famous salient angle formed by Sickles in the

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PLATFOURM—I. FINANCE.

A. We demand national currency—safe, sound and not work in robbery.

B. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

C. We demand the amount of circulation medium to be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

D. We demand the graduated income tax.

E. We believe that the money of the treasury should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand all National and State revenues shall be limited to necessary expenses and the Government economically and honestly administered.

F. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

G. The land, including all natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of all people and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes and the alien ownership of land should be prohibited.

H. The telegraph and telephone like the postal system being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

I. While some parts of the above address may seem, at a glance, to make partisan political distinctions, yet upon careful study one will clearly see that it is non-partisan, and further, will be impressed by the truth of its premises and the ability of the committee who framed it.

J. The mass-meeting. After the adjournment a mass-meeting was called, in which a great many delegates took part as citizens, together with a number who were not delegates to the Conference, and proceeded to take steps looking to political action.

K. The result was a call for a National Convention, to be held the 4th day of next July, in the city of Omaha, Nebraska. This action was entirely distinct from the work of the conference of labor organizations to which you sent us as your representatives.

L. It will be seen that the Conference did not by its action bind any one of the organizations represented, nor any of the members thereof to the support of any particular political party. In a spirit of concession and compromise all the various States and sections and all shades of political opinion, sought only the common good of the whole people, and with remarkable unanimity, adopted a declaration of principles, which, in their judgment, will restore peace, prosperity and justice to the country.

M. Impressed with the solemn conviction that the enactment of these principles into a law and the faithful enforcement of the law, will bring relief to our distressed industrial people and ensure to the common good of all interests and classes, we earnestly appeal to all Alliancemen and all patriots, of whatever calling, to aid us in electing to office only such men as will faithfully execute the laws.

N. It is gratifying to state that all the Southern States were represented in a body and every delegate voted for the platform.

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