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FIRST REGIMENT OF CAROLINA'S TO PORTO RICO

Mr. W. E. Christian Wires the Regimental Assignments Made Today by Secretary Alger.

ORDERED TO JOIN GEN. WADE AT ONCE

Nine More Cities in Porto Rico Yield to Gen Miles—Annexation to the United States Desired—American Force in Porto Rico Now Numbers 9,000 Equaling the Spanish Force,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 3rd.

Adjutant General Corbin at 2 p. m. has given out an official list of the ten regiments to report at once to General Wade for the new Porto Rico expedition. The First North Carolina is in the list.

W. E. CHRISTIAN,

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Odd Fellows of N. C. Convene Here Today

A TWO DAY'S SESSION

Met in Seaton Gates Lodge this Afternoon at 4 o'clock—Will Elect Officers and Grand Representative Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. of North Carolina convenes in this city this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and today friendship, love and truth and the good fellowship of the order has reigned.

The Odd Fellows began to arrive on the early trains this morning and were met at the railway station by a committee from the Raleigh lodges.

About thirty delegates have arrived, and the session promises to be an interesting one on account of work of importance to the order which is to be accomplished at this Grand Encampment.

Besides the regular annual election of Grand officers the Grand Representative is to be elected. This is done every two years, and the position is the highest honor to be conferred by the State Encampment.

Mr. J. M. Norwood, of this city is Grand Patriarch of the Encampment, and calls the body to order. Mr. B. J. Jacobs, of Wilmington, the Grand Scribe, is here and will record the minutes of this meeting.

The election of officers will take place tomorrow afternoon. Grand Patriarch Norwood will in all probability be promoted to Grand Representative and Mr. P. C. Gorham, of Fayetteville, is slated to succeed Mr. Norwood as Grand Patriarch.

The wearers of the triple link are heartily welcomed to Raleigh. The city's gates are thrown open and old-fashioned Raleigh hospitality will be shown them.

Among those who have arrived are: Capt. R. A. Watson, Tarboro; J. R. Harrell, Tarboro; Maj. B. C. Graham, Fayetteville; Capt. L. C. Howlett, Greensboro; D. M. Woodhouse, Poplar Branch; S. M. Beasley, Poplar Branch; Capt. Wesley Williams, Elizabeth City; R. H. Ramsey, Charlotte; L. W. Jeanneret, Asheville; A. B. Cashell, Knot's Island; B. J. Jacobs, Wilmington; P. H. Pelletier, Newbern; E. B. Gallop, Poplar Branch; Geo. Green, Newbern; L. L. Boone, Wilmington; W. F. Keith, Winston.

HOBSON GOING TO DAVIE.

He and His Mother Will Visit His Grandmother.

A Salisbury special to the Charlotte Observer says:

Tomorrow Lieutenant Hobson, returning to New York from Atlanta, will again honor Salisbury by a stop-over. This afternoon Mrs. Chas. Price, whose guest Lieutenant Hobson will be while here, received a telegram from him. It ran as follows:

"My mother and myself will arrive in Salisbury tomorrow morning at 10:42."

The object of Lieutenant Hobson's second trip to Salisbury is to spend the day visiting his relatives in Davie county. Lieutenant Hobson especially desires to see his aged grandmother, Mrs. Ann Hobson, who is now 87 years old, and almost totally blind. Mrs. Hobson, though old and decrepit, feels the strongest pride in her grandson's brave deed at Santiago. Lieutenant Hobson's other relatives in Davie are his uncle, Mr. W. H. Hobson, and his six children. Mr. Sam Hobson, of Cleveland, N. C., another uncle of Hobson's, has been telegraphed and will be present at the reunion of the Hobson family in honor of the distinguished lieutenant tomorrow. Immediately after his arrival here at 10:42 a. m., Hobson will be driven to Jerusalem, in Davie, where his relatives live, by his first cousin, Mr. A. Hobson Price, of Salisbury. He will return to Salisbury, after spending the day in Davie, at 7 or 8 o'clock tomorrow evening, and will leave for New York on the vestibule at 9:30. His mother, Mrs. James M. Hobson, who will be with him, and Mrs. Chas. Price, will most probably accompany Hobson to Davie and return with him in the evening.

THE WEATHER.

For Raleigh and vicinity showers probable tonight and Thursday.

The lowest barometer is central between Davenport and Chicago. There is also an ill-defined depression in the Gulf. Light rains have occurred again here and there throughout all districts east of the Rocky mountains. At several places heavy downpours occurred, notably, 2.26 inches at Tampa, 1.62 at Amarillo, and 1.76 at Kansas City. The weather is clear over the northern portion of the Rocky Mountain states, but elsewhere, except at scattered stations, it continues cloudy, and the conditions favor further showers almost at any point.

SHOT "TOBY SLICK"

Officer Haynes Fired Three Times at Miscreant

HE CUT AN ALDERMAN

Ben Robinson, Alderman from the Fourth Ward Came out of a Fight Covered With his Own Blood—Toby Has Escaped.

Shortly after noon today Alderman Ben Robinson, who represents the Bowery and the "Bloody Fourth," engaged in a dispute with "Toby Slick," alias Albert Davis, who is considered the toughest negro in that section of the town, and is constantly alluded to as the "New Bully of the Bowery."

For some time there has been trouble brewing between Toby and Alderman Robinson, who keeps a small grocery and bar next to Woodard's saloon and near the cream of the Bowery. Toby hangs around Robinson's store a good deal of his time and this morning, after paying an extended visit got in a row with an old negro, John Scofield. The fight began and Toby came out victorious on the first round, leaving two serious gashes in the old darky's head.

Toby then proceeded to give his attention to the Alderman, who it appears, had said something calculated to start another fight. Robinson came out of his store with a big cheese knife and this Toby captured and used effectively on his victim, gashing his head on the left side, blood splashing all around, covering the Alderman's shirt. The ward has always been known as the "Bloody Fourth," and now can claim its title without fear of question.

Alderman Robinson then sent for a gun, but when Toby returned Officer Haynes was on the spot and started for the bully.

Toby ran toward the Southern Railway freight depot and Officer Haynes in hot pursuit. He called to the fleeing offender to halt, and seeing that his only intention was to increase speed Officer Haynes shot three times at the negro, the second shot taking effect, but only staggering Toby long enough for him to get his second wind and continue his flight. He made his way safe to the woods and is still at large.

John Scofield went at once to Justice Harry Roberts and swore out a warrant for Albert Davis, alias Toby Slick, and the officers are now looking for him.

Scofield's wounds are painful, but Alderman Robinson's gash, after being attended to by a physician, gave him little trouble.

AT ST. SIMON'S ISLAND.

The Old Gun Used by Oglethorpe is There.

Information concerning St. Simon's Island, at which point the four companies and headquarters of the Second Regiment are stationed, is scarce, and the following dispatch from Brunswick, Ga., is of interest:

Visitors to St. Simon's Island just at this time are very much interested in Frederica, the old fort where Oglethorpe so successfully resisted the Spaniards. One of the sights of this fort is the old cannon once used by General Oglethorpe, but which now lies rusting on the ground. It is now but little more than a long stick of rust, giving no evidence of the splendid work it once did in repulsing the Spanish, and not even showing up as well as it did when exhibited at the Atlanta Exposition. The present owners of the cannon value it very highly on account of its history, but some historical society would find in it a good addition to their collection of relics. Very little remains of the fort at Frederica, but what there is will probably be there for years and years. It is gradually crumbling, but being built of practically indestructible tabby, the work of waves and wind has but little effect on the exposed parts of it. The washing of the tide is gradually encroaching on the foundation, however, and unless this is guarded against there might be danger of the entire fort being undermined and the ruins tumbling into the river.

FRANK CAMERON WELL.

He Wrote His Father a Letter From Santiago.

Gen. F. H. Cameron yesterday received a letter from his son, Lieut. Frank Cameron. The letter was dated July 10. Lieutenant Cameron described briefly the hardships which the army had endured since landing in Cuba. He said that his company had been constantly engaged up to that time and were living on half rations. The letter was written five days before Santiago surrendered.

Lieutenant Cameron stated that this was his first opportunity to write, and he was then in mud nearly knee-deep.

Mr. Charles E. Burt and wife, of Valdosta, Ga., are stopping at the home of Mr. W. T. Stainback on Oakwood avenue.

Judge Walter Clark left today for Smithfield to speak this evening before Confederate Veterans of Johnston county.

DR BROOK'S DENIAL

H. Did Visit Patients Monday Morning

HIS ELEGANT TRIBUTE

Dr Brooks Claims that Public Have no Right to Ask Explanations About Hospital Management—He is Answerable Only to Superior Officers

The Times-Visitor gives the public the benefit of a card from Dr. Brooks, in which he denies the charge that he did not visit all of the patients in Camp Dan Russell on Monday before 11 o'clock. Our information came from a patient in the hospital and we considered it thoroughly reliable, but the statement of Dr. Brooks should be accepted and to correct a mistake of this kind is always a pleasure. The only regret which the public feel is that all the numerous charges made against that hospital cannot be denied.

The tone of Dr. Brooks speaks for itself; he is sensitive; he wants to be let alone; he seems to deny the right of the public to criticize this hospital; but Dr. Brooks may as well understand now that as long as the women of North Carolina have husbands, sons and relatives in that hospital they shall feel a deep interest in it and they shall know something about the place. That improvements have been made in the hospital since this paper made the exposures and since Dr. Brooks took charge, we have repeatedly stated.

This paper feels that much has been accomplished by it in forcing the removal of vile filth from the camp. That our charges against the hospital were true is proved by the report of the board of inquiry and if Dr. Brooks says that our "trades against this command and its officers have been brutal, malicious and cowardly," he tells an unqualified falsehood. If he attributes any personal motives to this paper in the matter his implication is absolutely false. Our sole aim has been to see that the sick soldier boys were properly cared for and we glory in the fact that we have accomplished much in this direction. But the hospital is not perfect yet. Some of the ill soldiers have only one sheet and one blanket on their cots. Imagine how much grieved the parents of one of the privates who died must be to know that his body was sent to this city for shipment home with nothing in the world on his body except a blue coat and blue pair of breeches.

We have never discounted Dr. Brooks' ability or his intentions and have repeatedly stated that he was correcting the evils which we have made public, due largely to lack of management on the part of those who had charge until recently.

Dr. Brooks has not read our "demand" carefully. We have stated our authority for publishing, namely, the statement of a private. We then added that Dr. Brooks was the surgeon in charge and the public demanded of him an explanation of such criminal, outrageous and inhuman negligence. We did not charge that he was a criminal, but in the light of the statement made by the patient we asked an explanation. The explanation is now given and it is a pleasure to know that the patient was mistaken in this instance.

Camp Dan Russell, August 3, 1898.

Editor Times-Visitor:

My attention was today called to an article in your issue of Monday, in which you speak of my failure to visit a certain ward in this hospital before 11 o'clock, and characterize such action or want of action on my part as "criminal, outrageous and inhuman." My first impulse on reading your article was to follow the policy adopted by the officers of this command and ignore your stricture; but, since reading the garbled and distorted report of your interview with our chaplain, it has seemed to me that no harm can come of a statement of facts. At the outset, however, I wish you distinctly to understand that I do not admit the right of either you or the "public" to demand from me an explanation of my conduct of this hospital, or a denial of any charges whatsoever. That is the prerogative of the Surgeon-General of the Army only. In your issue of today you state that the Times-Visitor desires to be fair and just to all public servants and that if your statements in regard to Dr. Brooks are not true, that the Times-Visitor would be the first to make correction. I must confess that to me this statement is distinctly negated by the course you have pursued. I believe I do not misjudge the Raleigh public when I say that your claims to justice and fair-dealing fall flat when they reflect that it would have required an expenditure of not more than thirty minutes of your time to visit this hospital and learn the facts for yourself instead of accepting mere hearsay evidence. But perhaps like many others of your kidney you do not regard it as a serious matter to take advantage of

your position and to charge a man whom you have never known and of whose motives you know nothing with being a criminal. To me at least it is inconceivable that any man imbued with a sense of justice and fair play, as you profess to be, should accept the ex-parte statement of any individual and indulge in personal abuse without first giving the party accused a chance to be heard. While distinctly denying your right to a denial of the charges you have made, I wish to say that the statement that I failed to visit any ward or patient in this hospital on any morning before 11 o'clock is unqualifiedly false. On Sunday night I slept in the hospital building, certainly not more than one hundred feet from any patient, and on Monday morning (when this grave neglect of duty is alleged to have occurred), before 8 o'clock, I had made the round of all the wards and examined each patient. Furthermore, at no time since the departure of the regiment on Sunday afternoon have I been more than one hundred yards away from the hospital except when going to my meals inside the grounds. On Monday morning at 11 o'clock while superintending the erection of my tent near the hospital door I saw and conversed for some minutes with the lady who gave you your information, yet I heard no word of complaint from her and no intimation that complaint had been made. I do not know and have made effort to determine who the party is who complained to her, but I have no hesitancy in again stating that such complaint has no foundation and the information given to her is false.

In writing this, I have yielded, against my wishes and better judgment, to your continued "demands" for a denial and explanation, and I trust that your vaunted sense of justice and fair-play will compel you to publish this statement.

In conclusion, I beg leave to say that my equanimity is in no sense disturbed by your bitter personal attack, and that I heartily concur in the opinion of my associates that your tirades against this command and its officers have been brutal, malicious and cowardly.

Respectfully,

WM. H. BROOKS.

CHAPLAIN OSBORNE WRONGED.

Chaplain Osborne, feels that he has been spotted too freely. In an extended interview with the editor of the Times-Visitor yesterday he said much out of which we were expected to select the part relative to the point in question. This we attempted to do, omitting his confidential sayings, which we thought he would prefer kept from the public. We regret exceedingly that we quoted Mr. Osborne too freely and trust that the public will overlook our indiscretion. In a note to the editor of the Times-Visitor Chaplain Osborne says:

Camp Dan Russell, Aug. 3, 1898.

To the Editor of the Times-Visitor,

Dear Sir: Your account of an interview with me yesterday does the medical department of this regiment, as well as myself, great injustice. I had no intention whatever to cast any reflections upon any member of the medical staff of the regiment, nor do I think I made any statement that could fairly be so construed; my sole aim being to exonerate Assistant Surgeon Brooks from the unjust charge made in your paper the day before. I trust you will be kind enough to publish this article in today's issue of your paper, and oblige.

Respectfully yours,

E. A. OSBORNE,

Chaplain 2nd Regt. N. C. Volunteers

LARGE FORCE EMPLOYED.

Fair Grounds to be Put in the Proper Condition.

Captain C. B. Denson, of the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society, today informed the Times-Visitor that arrangements had been perfected to have the State Fair grounds thoroughly cleaned and all objectionable conditions removed therefrom at once. It has been decided to place a large force of hands at the Fair Grounds at once and every detail of the work of cleansing the property properly attended to.

Besides the removal of all decayed hay and other filth left by the soldiers; the sinks will all be fixed in the best manner possible.

The Association has been glad to allow the soldiers to use the buildings for good purposes and will as soon as those who are yet sick at the camp can be removed, begin the work of scouring and disinfecting the buildings. After this is accomplished the interior of the buildings will be whitewashed throughout.

Everything necessary is to be done and no expense will be spared in having the grounds and buildings ready for the great fair.

Misses Pattle Lewis, Margaret Smedes and Sadie Root returned this morning from a visit to friends in Durham and Chapel Hill.

Dr. Andrew Wilson, of London, says that there is not a jot or tittle of truth in support of the outrageous statement that tomatoes cause cancer. On the contrary the tomato is perfectly wholesome.

REFUGEES RETURNING.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
PONCE, via St. Thomas, Aug. 1.—The cruiser St. Louis arrived this morning bringing Porto Rican refugees. They were the ringleaders of the revolution a year ago, and went to San Domingo, but returned to Porto Rico, were caught by the Spanish and jailed, but were subsequently deported and have since been in New York. Upon their arrival here they were received as heroes, bands played American airs and prominent officials made speeches of welcome. Their progress to their homes was a continual ovation. The returned refugees had a conference this afternoon with leading citizens and say that ninety per cent. of the population prefer annexation to the United States to self government. Besides the refugees General Brooks with the Third Illinois Regiment arrived. The government postoffice will be opened tomorrow.

CARLIST UPRISING.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
LONDON, August 3.—A dispatch from Barcelona says that a formidable uprising of Carlists has taken place at Lerida and Catalonia.

THE FORCE IN PORTO RICO.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
PONCE, August 2, via St. Thomas.—Garretson's Brigade arrived today from Yauco, making the total American invading force in the vicinity about nine thousand men, which is equal to the Spanish force on the entire island. There was some firing last night between the pickets and the Spaniards in the bushes but no damage resulted. The general belief is that there will be no forward movement on San Juan until the other transports arrive.

TEXAS IN DOCK.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
NEWYORK, Aug. 3.—The battleship Texas was placed in dry dock this morning. A number of plates will be replaced and thoroughly overhauled. The hospital ship for relief is finished and is loading hospital delicacies and supplies. She will sail this afternoon direct for Ponce.

NO REPLY.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—No notice for Spain's reply as to peace terms was officially received up to 10:30 this morning.

NO WORD FROM SPAIN.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor.
WASHINGTON, August 3.—The President soon after ten o'clock this morning said he had received no official notification of Spain's agreement to our peace terms. He was expecting the Spanish reply at any moment. Secretary Day says he has not received officially any advice of the action of the Spanish government on the American peace conditions. At ten thirty the French ambassador had received no Spanish response to the peace terms though a communication not definite in character had come to hand.

A TRIUMPHANT MARCH.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor.
PONCE, via St. Thomas, Aug. 1.—Nine additional cities have yielded to General Miles' advance, besides Juana Diaz, which yielded yesterday. These cities include Arroyo, Patillas, Yabucoa, Salinas, Santa Isabel, Adjuntas, Penuelas, Guayabal and Guayama. Spanish troops were captured in most of these cities. All the cities were taken without fighting, the American troops being enthusiastically welcomed by the citizens thus far. No Spanish sympathizers were found. In many cases the Spanish troops which were garrisoning the cities were compelled to leave and immediately retreated to San Juan.

Senator Olive Dead.

SENATOR H. C. OLIVE DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE, NINE MILES FROM RALEIGH, TODAY.

It is refreshing at this time to learn that, according to an opinion just handed down by the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, municipal ordinances compelling citizens to keep sidewalks in front of their residences clear from snow are unconstitutional. The enforcement of such ordinances is held to be virtually double taxation, and therefore in direct violation of the Constitution of the United States.