

PITTSBURGH, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1891.

A BURLESQUE OF WAR

Given by England's Military Forces in the Maneuvers Now Under Way.

QUEER WAYS OF FIGHTING.

Movements Under the German Plan, Which are Next to Useless.

ENGINEERS LOCATE IN BALLOONS.

The Buffoneries of the Drill Cruelly Handled by an Expert.

FRIENDS OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR FOES

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, Sept. 12.—[Copyrighted.]—While the great military forces of the continent of Europe are maneuvering hundreds of thousands of soldiers, England is making a prodigious fuss with about 10,000 men who have been mobilized with much...

The British maneuverers have, as usual, been conducted on the German plan, which the best critics long ago pronounced entirely unsuitable to warfare against savage or semi-civilized foes, which is usually the style of fighting which falls to the lot of Tommy Atkins.

THE EUROPEAN BEET CROP.

With Good Weather It Promises to Exceed That of Last Year.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—With improved weather and sunshine, beet roots are progressing well everywhere. This is especially true as regards quality, which seems to be superior to that of the 1890 crop.

A German Victory in Africa.

BERLIN, Sept. 12.—The Berliner Tagblatt today published a dispatch from Zanzibar stating that Capt. Zalesky's corps has had a desperate fight with a large body of natives, and that the Germans were victorious.

The Agricultural Congress.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 12.—The International Agricultural Congress has adopted a report favoring a private initiative in the establishment of land banks. It has been...

ON TO CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Alleged Plan of a Military Surprise on Russia's Part.

BRUXELLS, Sept. 12.—The Zombor Correspondent contains a sensational article, entitled "The Cossack Stroke on the Bosphorus." According to this article, Russia meditates a surprise to Constantinople by a conjoint landing of 30,000 troops in European and Asiatic Turkey.

THE PROPOSED COMMERCIAL ALLIANCE.

Italy Will Probably Join It, But Will Sacrifice Her Own Interests.

ROME, Sept. 12.—The negotiations for the commercial alliance continue at Munich. It is reported that the agitation in Austria-Hungary against further concessions to Italy has quieted, and also that Germany is disposed to make every possible concession to induce Italy to join the alliance.

Distinguished Ocean Voyagers.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The Teutonic sailed on Wednesday with a full complement of passengers, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew, with Mr. and Mrs. Depew's mother; Stewart and W. K. Brice, sons of Senator Calvin S. Brice; W. H. and Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., sons of Cornelius Vanderbilt; Forber, Robertson, Mr. L. Z. Letter and Miss Letter.

Stanley's New Lecture Field.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—H. M. Stanley and his wife leave Brindley in the mail steamer Arcadia on October 11 for Australia on a lecturing tour, where it is reported he will add £5,000 to his bank account. It is scarcely necessary to add that Stanley will be accompanied by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Tennant.

Russia's Nobility in Financial Straits.

ODESSA, Sept. 12.—It is announced that 274 estates belonging to members of the nobility will be sold by auction in October under foreclosure by the State Bank. The estates are located all over European Russia, and the sale indicates the desperate straits to which the landed nobility are reduced.

Columbus Aided by a Papal Nuncio.

ROME, Sept. 12.—The Abbe Presutti, a historian of the Vatican, will shortly publish a pamphlet on Christopher Columbus, in which he will bring to light a point in the history of the great navigator hitherto unknown. He will prove, by documents...

BLAVATSKY'S MANTLE.

IT IS NOT FALLING IN HARMONIOUS FOLDS ON MRS. BESANT.

LAUGHED AT BY AN AUDIENCE OF THEOPHISTES

IN THE MIDDLE OF A LECTURE—MADAME BLAVATSKY'S HORRIBLE MOUTH—A CUTTING SUMMING-UP OF THEOPHISTRY.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Besant's modesty has so far prevented her from formally resuming the mantle of the late lamented Blavatsky, but she is already dealing briskly in that astute woman's stock in trade.

Last night she lectured for the first time in public since her open rupture with the Theosophists, and a large audience assembled to listen to her. She talked well, but the majority of her hearers were plainly unable to follow her in her explanations of theosophy, which were as fantastic and as full of jargon as a chapter from the works of the late Blavatsky.

Mrs. Besant claimed that she was entitled to believe, because she had never knowingly told a lie, and seemed hurt when somebody in the hall laughed at such a pretension.

That irreverent man may have been Dr. Arthur Hopkins, who enjoyed the honor of Madame Blavatsky's acquaintance, and who writes as follows to the evening newspapers to-day: "Whatever may be our opinion of Madame Blavatsky's true life, there is no doubt that she certainly had not a pure mouth. We all know that our army swore terribly in France, but she could have given that army or a modern dragon long odds and still have won easily. Mr. W. T. Stead could be a witness to this if he chose, as he used to go to her Sunday afternoon receptions at Sorwood before she went to Avenue Road, in order, perhaps, to be near those of pure life and pure mouth. As to theosophy, it is well summed up in the words of the eminent astrologist, Mr. Besant: 'This miserable creed without hope, this wretched, fond, pedantic, this bottomless pit of platitudes, which is so well fitted to be the propaganda of a charlatan and the soporific consolation of a terrified sceptic.'

RAN A MILLION MILES.

Feat of a Railroad Engine That Has Knocked the Record Clear Out.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The London and Northwestern Railroad has an express engine, built in 1882, which has completed its millionth mile, a feat which the company claims is without parallel in the annals of railroad traveling. The engine has never sustained a breakdown, and has maintained the integrity of its mechanism and speed at comparatively slight expense or alteration.

IT RAN DAILY FROM MANCHESTER TO LONDON AND BACK, AND IS NAMED THE CHARLES DICKENS.

The Condition of Spurgeon.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Mr. Spurgeon is making such favorable progress that to-day for the first time for several months it was deemed necessary to issue a medical bulletin. It is remarkable that during his long illness the weekly publication of a sermon by Mr. Spurgeon has been continued. The fact is that there are about 600 sermons in this prolific preacher which have not yet been seen in print.

Russia Will Mobilize in 1893.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 12.—Preparations are being made for a two-year general mobilization of all forces in April, 1893. It only remains to complete the equipment of the troops with small caliber rifles, which could be turned out quickly by Russian factories if required.

No Use for Gaudy Uniforms Now.

BERLIN, Sept. 12.—In an article in the Deutsche Wochenschrift a military expert urged the abolition of helmets and bright colored uniforms by the army, arguing that they are likely to attract the enemy's fire during the use of smokeless powder.

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DUQUESNE WAY AND SIXTH.

FIGHTING FOR A ROAD.

Penn Township Farmers Will Do Battle for the Old State Pike

HELD BY THE VALLEY RAILWAY

They Form an Organization and Raise Money to Push the War.

PROSPECTS OF A NEW TRACTION LINE

The objection to good roads in Allegheny county seems insuperable. The Supervisors, notwithstanding the agitation of several years in the press and in legislative halls, are, as a rule, still cobbling up the paths, (most of the roads are but little more), as their fathers and grandfathers did before them, and when they fill a mud-hole with rough sandstone, they make two more holes, one on each side of the one filled. This might in time make a continuous stone road were it not that the material used only wears a short time before it is disintegrated, so that abominable patching goes on continually.

The citizens of Penn township, however, have been awake to the importance of sensible work for some time past, and now they have under consideration the reopening of the State road from Verona to Brilliant, a highway built under the supervision of road architects who knew something of their business. The agitation may have another good effect. It is charged by some people of the Eighteenth ward that their streets have not gotten for years the attention from the city authorities that they should have had, and that they are really in worse condition in wet weather than most country roads. The connection of the ward with a good country road, a fine macadamized one, giving an excellent drive through a beautiful country may stimulate improvement within the city limits.

WILL FIGHT THE VALLEY ROAD.

Supervisors Henry Karsten and Thomas Anderson last week called a meeting of the citizens of Penn township to take action on the reopening of the old State road, and the meeting was held in the Mt. Hope school-house, about three miles across the river from Clearmont, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Uriah Ryan presiding. Like rural meetings generally, many of the people didn't exactly agree as to how they should go about the search of a remedy, but there wasn't any doubt that they all felt they had a grievance against the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company. Some favored formation of several organizations, a sort of federation without any central authority, with the understanding that all having the same object in view all would move harmoniously and as a whole. This idea was successfully combated by several present, including William H. Dunn, of Wildwood, who proposed the following, which was adopted: "Whereas, We, the citizens residing along the Allegheny river, as we believe, to be deprived of our rights, inasmuch as that we have no wagon road to travel from Verona to Butler street extension by a direct route across the river and where the State road once ran, but which is now occupied by the tracks of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, and having petitioned the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company to restore our road, and they not deeming us worthy of any notice, we have determined to do hereby resolve to unite ourselves into an organization to be known as the 'Old State Road Reopening Organization,' having for its object the raising of funds for the proceedings necessary for the opening to the people the aforesaid road from Verona to connect with Butler street extension, following as near as practicable the course of the old State road.

ALL ABOUT A BABY.

Two Women Try to Pull an Infant Apart on a Boston Street.

IN A STRUGGLE FOR POSSESSION.

A Police Solomon Adjusts the Case in an Amicable Manner.

SORROWFUL TALE OF THE POOR MOTHER

BOSTON, Sept. 12.—A mother trying to kidnap her own child. Another woman trying to hold the child for the payment of a board bill. And two women using the 2-year-old baby in lieu of a rope for a tug-of-war. These three different views describe the spectacle which met the eyes of passers-by on Tremont street, in front of King's Chapel, this afternoon.

It was a noisy incident. The mother had the baby by the legs; the other woman clung to it by the shoulders. Neither would release her hold, and the frightened screams of the child quickly attracted the attention of a crowd.

"I want my child," screamed the younger woman, between her gasps for breath, as she tugged away.

"You shan't have her," cried the older lady, as with determined grasp she maintained her hold upon the little one.

Then the crowd grew interested and took sides, although the weight of sympathy seemed to be with the younger mother, and further complications might have ensued but for the appearance of Patrolman Hayes, of station 2.

THE POLICE SOLOMON.

His arrival was the signal for a cessation of hostilities. The little one was dropped, and both sides entered upon voluble explanations, which he cut short by inviting the entire party to go with him to station 2, where matters could be adjusted. It was a unique party which presently stood before Captain Hemmenway's desk—the mother weeping and angry, the other woman flushed and defiant, the baby frightened and tearful. The policeman quickly stated the case, and then uttered instantaneous explanations began.

"I want my baby," exclaimed the little woman.

"Well, why don't you pay its board?" retorted the other.

"I did as long as I could," was the reply, "but you've got no right to keep it from me."

"Well, you've got no right to snatch it from me on the street," was the quick response.

Then the captain commanded silence and propounded a series of questions, the answers to which revealed one of those little domestic tragedies so common, and yet so uncommon, as the prey little woman told her tearful story.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

A few years ago she married a young fellow, who shortly after their union turned out to be a drunkard and a scoundrel. She went with him as long as she could, and then left him to begin a hard battle for life for herself and her two little ones. That was two years ago. She hired a room on a quiet street at the South End and kept her oldest child with her, while her infant she placed in the care of a woman in Wakefield, who advertised to board children.

The mother obtained work in a restaurant, and out of \$3 a week and her board undertook to clothe herself and her little ones, pay for her room and give \$2 a week for the board of her baby. For six months she succeeded. Then a brief spell of sickness retarded her efforts, and she found herself unable to make all ends meet, so she ceased the payment of \$2 a week for the little one's board until such time as she should be able to continue it.

That time has never yet appeared. Her

MEANS FIGHT TO THE END.

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. An initiation fee of 20 cents shall be paid, from which fund incidental expenses shall be paid. Meetings shall be at such times and places as shall be designated in the call of the President.

WILL HOLD CITIZENS' MEETINGS.

The first thing decided upon after the adoption of the above declaration, pledges, etc., was to agree to meet again in two weeks, and there will be a series of meetings held along the line, beginning at Verona and extending to the city limits. The discussion yesterday was informal, but it all tended to one point, and few taking control and insisting on action rather than talk.

These committed the meeting to an agreement to secure counsel, and if the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company did not keep a contract said to have been made some time in the fifties, an effort would be made to do it.

One speaker said if he wanted to go to Aspinwall, three miles distant, he must either for the Allegheny river or go around by East Liberty to get to the Sharpshooters bridge—travel eight miles to make three.

A LONG-FORGOTTEN CONTRACT.

Mr. Dunn stated that his understanding of the matter was that the Allegheny Valley Railroad in some way furnish another. The latter part of the obligation, however, has been forgotten by the company.

The condition in which the objectors are placed is much the same as that of the people of old Middletown, now Coraopolis, who for a century traveled south toward the confines of Washington county and marched up a hill and down again, the hill being 400 feet high and the route thereby three miles further than could have been had along the river where the ground is almost level to the whole distance. Apparently Coraopolis hasn't awakened yet and now the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railway owns the ground on the square and the only resource left is another bridge to Neville Island. The difference between the places is that one can stay on such a route 30 years and chafe under it, while the other has never had get-up enough in it to build bridges over Montour and Moon runs at a cost possibly of \$200 for the two.

It is supposed by some members of the "Old State Road Reopening Organization" that if they succeed an electric railway will be run from the end of the Citizens' Traction line to Verona, and while some of the O. S. R. R. O. are opposed to such line and had rather have the road for a line driveway, yet they say the electric road would be much preferable to the present arrangement. Of course the railway company may have a double reason for opposition. In the first place the present state of affairs forces the people to depend on the railway for transit and in the second the giving up of the old State road would be somewhat expensive, but there would be some compensating advantages.

Make Your Wife Happy.

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SIXTH STREET AND DUQUESNE WAY.

GRABBED HER CHILD.

This afternoon she saw her baby going down Tremont street in care of the lady with whom she had placed it two years ago, and the maternal instinct could not resist the desire to carry those red cheeks, lighted up by a pair of blue eyes and crowned with curly, yellow hair. She caught the child in her arms and was about to kiss it, when the Wakefield woman recognized her and, thinking she intended to take away the baby for a fee, resisted to the best of her ability. Then the scene on the street ensued.

THE WAKEFIELD WOMAN WAS THEN ALLOWED TO TELL HER STORY, WHICH WAS THAT THE MOTHER'S STATEMENT ABOUT PLACING THE CHILD IN HER CARE WAS TRUE, BUT THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED NO MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BABY FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, AND THAT THE LITTLE ONE HAD SO GROWN INTO HER HEART THAT SHE WISHED TO ADOPT IT AND WOULD GIVE IT A GOOD HOME.

When both the principals had finished, Captain Hemmenway, in a few pungent words, managed to convey a great deal of meaning. He suggested an amicable adjustment of the matter, and the child's parent agreed to go to Wakefield next Sunday and receive the little one, and to pay \$120 out of her \$3 weekly stipend until the board bill of the little one shall have been canceled.

Then the Wakefield woman with the baby started for home, the little one gazing with wondering eyes over the shoulder of its bearer at its mother, who with red eyes and sorrowing heart, turned her steps in the opposite direction.

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CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH GRANT.

A Talk With Tilden About Conkling's Becoming a Democrat.

THE STATESMAN'S WONDERFUL MEMORY

A gifted friend, not long since, suggested that I should write something of Roscoe Conkling. I knew him well and for many years. I recall a friendship, picturesque and instructive, recall a statesman of eminent, original, intrepid, genius, whose place in our political system was akin to one of those tremendous phenomena we read of in the tropics, or which nature is in volcanic moods. I recall a career, one of the most notable, as it was among the most stormy in our political history; a friend

When I ever honored and admired, even when I could not fail to wonder, the contrasts of whose character were Shakespearean, as the case of his genius was Miltonic; with an eloquence such as no man in my observation surpassed, even when treading to grandiloquence; narrowed in his usefulness at times, from the limitations of his appointed sphere of action; who passed away too late for his peace of mind, too soon for the recognition of his enviable fame.

And yet I am coy to write about Roscoe Conkling. His influence yet remains, and his name is a burning theme. In no stoch spirit, however, I will give some vague impressions and remembrances of the man as I knew him. I began to know Conkling well during the first administration of Grant. I had known him before, in a far-off, civil fashion, but never to become in any special manner his friend until through the good offices of Mr. Arthur, the ex-President, we

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