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The Press.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1860.

French and British Officers.

The difference in the officering of the French and British army has often been pointed out. The two systems are as far separated as the poles. The British officer essentially belongs to the Aristocracy; the French to the Democracy. The Briton generally commences by paying a regulated sum for his first commission, and advances through each successive grade by purchase also. Sir Henry Havelock, who saved British India, had no money to expend for this purpose, and thus was over twenty years in obtaining the rank of Captain. The French officer obtains each grade of rank by merit. Money is of no use to him, because it cannot procure him rank. It is only since the Crimean War that the British gentleman wanting to enter the army was subjected to any examination whatever, whereas, in the French service, a commission will not be granted unless the person for whom it is destined has passed through an examination in the ordinary elements of education, and has shown his acquaintance, not only with history, geography, and mathematics, but also with the elements of the art of war.

Further than all this, except where the Frenchman has been educated expressly for his profession at one of the national military colleges, he must commence at the bottom of the ladder, and thence rise through the various steps of rank. In England, on the other hand, the instances are comparatively rare in which a private soldier rises into a commissioned officer. In the United States army, notwithstanding our loud and constant talk about equality, very rare, indeed, are the instances of a private soldier obtaining a commission, after any length of service or any degree of meritorious, or even valorous, conduct. In the Mexican war, several such instances occurred, we admit—but how few since!

In the *London Athenæum*, of September 8, just received, there is a review of "The French Under Arms; being Essays on Military Matters in France; by Blanchard Jerrold," which has set us thinking, as above, upon the difference between the military system of France and England. We shall illustrate the subject by presenting two full-length pen-portraits, by Blanchard Jerrold, of English and French officers. It is only fair to add that in the following sketch, Mr. Jerrold wholly forgets that, by the present system in England, even a Duke's oldest son cannot be appointed even to a first commission in the army without having first proved, by fair examination, his book-learning and personal fitness. Here is

THE BRITISH OFFICER.

An English officer's education is expressed by so many pounds sterling. Lord Tuppleyham has been a very tiresome fellow, from the day when, to the horror of the Earl's servants, he could walk alone. He revelled in mischief of all kinds before he could write his name. You know the wondrous splutter upon paper which stands for his venerable name even now, in his thirty-second year. It was impossible to cram any serviceable knowledge into his head. But, then, of what use was knowledge to the head that bore aloft, along the broad pavement of Piccadilly, such a hat! Knowledge is the necessity of the head that wears an hat. Lord Tuppleyham went to Eton and learned boating. He went to Cambridge and learned smoking, and drinking, and the elements of gambling. He reached London, prepared to hold a command in the army, to patrol the Haymarket, and mortgage his estates in St. James' street. On more than one occasion, while the play ran high, he would composedly eat plover's eggs that had just cost him one hundred pounds each. Now, with the vices, and not the studies of Eton and Cambridge, he was "fit for nothing but the army." Brave he certainly was. He thrashed a drayman at college, and will be a prominent figure if his regiment go to the war. But, then, suppose he has his men the wrong way; suppose that his aristocrat wine have been cultivated at the expense of his military duties; suppose that he is put on the staff before he is able to understand one of the vitally important duties of a staff officer? Lives are lost. The blood of lion-hearted men, and his own, flows in vain. Of one hundred and sixteen staff officers sent originally with the British army to the Crimea, one hundred and nine were Lord Tupplighams! Still how proud is my Lord Tuppleyham! He is an officer and a gentleman: England wishes him to be an officer and a soldier. Talk to him about reform in the army, and he grows eloquent—that is, as eloquent as Lord Tuppleyham can grow—on the love the Britannia private has for the sway of British gentlemen; British gentility meaning British guiltiness. It is pleasant to be led astray by the beardless representatives of a long line of lords—sweet to meet an unavailing death under the patronising eye of Lord Tuppleyham! Well, it was a Lord Tuppleyham who could not manœuvre his regiment out of the barrack-yard. Still the army must become very vulgar, indeed, if Tuppleyhams cease to command it: fatal to the House of Commons' talk to reform its duties now that the property qualification is abolished, or when the ballot-box appears in electioneering committee-rooms. The manners and habits of Lord Tuppleyham are necessary to the proper organization of the British army. Would a regiment respect the mandates from an officers' mess-room to which no specially-provided winecellar was attached? Champagne is inseparable from the proper maintenance of discipline."

This was true to the letter a few years ago, but as we have said, (or rather as Molière wrote,) "nous avons changé tout cela."

The companion sketch is drawn quite *couleur de rose*. It is true in the main, though, and is full of spirit:

THE FRENCH OFFICER.

Many readers whose eyes fall upon these pages will follow us eagerly to the Boulogne camp—to the Camp de Mars—to the Boulevards lined with French troops—bearing still in mind many grateful remembrances of courtesies shown by French officers, most of whom are not down in the dictionary of Lord Tuppleyham as gentlemen. Their whiskers did not push their feeble way beyond Piccadilly collars. They drank champagne as youths when their sister was married and when their father was decorated. Their youth was a time of hard work, and of work much of which will shock Lord Tuppleyham. Imagine his Lordship fashioning his own clothes—making, with those hands, his innocent bed! Still, my Lord, there is not an officer in the French army who has not performed these offices. And shall any man say that the gentlemen who command the Imperial armies, from the sous-lieutenant to the marshal, are not the equals in sentiment, in manners, in acquirements, of the dandies who purchase the right to wear splendid regimentals in England? You will find a lieutenant and a sergeant arm-in-arm on the heights of Boulogne, or drinking Lyons beer together at the *Grande Halte*, or arguing warmly over a game of dominoes. On the march you will see them chattering together. A French officer has as profound regard for every Inquirer. I see hundreds of English ladies ready to echo these words, and to add many more to them in grateful memory of those visits to the camp of Ambleteuse, where officers were always ready to do the honors of their mud hut to the "blonde misses" of Albion. And then, on summer evenings, how many pleasant stories were poured, by dashing lieutenants, under those dreadful hats worn by young, and, alas! by the old, ladies of England. When the *fête* was given to celebrate the fall of Sevastopol, how many Gallic arms encircled British waists at the open-air ball? Were the manners of the cavaliers in any way coarse? I appeal to thousands of English ladies. Might not the affability of the *officiers* who did the honors of the Boulogne camp to all comers—who gave ladies convenient places for the Sunday mass, and shelter when it rained—be contrasted with the spirit which dictated the famous "the Tenth don't dance" to the juvenile commanders of England? But, then, French lieutenants and English lieutenants live under very different auspices. The Frenchman knows his business from the beginning, and belongs to a regiment in which recruits appear yearly, and from which the old soldiers recede to their homes. There is not an order which he gives that he could not perform more satisfactorily than the man to whom he gives it. But, then, this is his sole claim to his position. He is not the son of an earl. His father is a Lyons grocer; his mother was a pretty milliner. Do you think that he shirks the subject when ancestral claims turn up in the conversation of his brother-officers? Do you think he hides the paternal olive-jars, and stows away the maternal needles? No, my Lord Tuppleyham; his pride is not yours. He would proudly parade the Boulevards, with the grocer on one arm and the milliner on the other. I am not the panegyrist of his morals—that is, of his relations generally with his country women—but he never tries to force his way into actresses' dressing-rooms: he never turns up in a drunken row; he never plays foul practical jokes; he can always remember. He is really and truly a man with a profession, and who has passed severe examinations. Directly you see his lieutenant's epaulette, you know that he is a man of education—that he has beaten other men who competed with him for his rank. Possibly he was educated at the expense of the nation, because he arrived at the threshold of St. Cyr with a sound stock of knowledge. It is men like this young lieutenant who have made France the first military power upon the earth.

In the British army, as far as we can ascertain by referring to the lists of appointments and promotions, published bi-weekly in the London *Gazette*, the average number of non-commissioned officers who received commissions, in each month, is about twenty-five in time of war, and about thirteen in time of peace. They usually are made Quartermasters and Adjutants, with the rank of Ensign. In compliance with a very good provision suggested by the late Duke of Wellington, the sum of $500 is handed, along with his commission, to each person thus promoted, to pay for his outfit.

If this article were not already sufficiently long, we might annex to it the different prices of military commissions in England, as formally regulated by the Authorities of the War Office there. We have repeatedly been requested to give this information, which, strange to say, is not to be found, of late years, in the *Army List*, published monthly under the *surveillance* of the War Office, as above named.

Judge Douglas at Erie.

HE RECEIVES A GLORIOUS WELCOME—HIS SPEECH—DENOUNCES ANY FUSION BETWEEN HIS FRIENDS AND BRECKINRIDGE—THINKS THAT BRECKINRIDGE AND LINCOLN MIGHT PROPERLY UNITE—THE RESULT OF THE STRUGGLE—WHO WILL BE PRESIDENT IN CASE THE PEOPLE FAIL TO ELECT.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

ERIE, Sept 22, 1860.

Judge Douglas arrived in this city yesterday afternoon at half past two o'clock by the Lake Shore Railroad, in charge of Messrs. J. W. Douglass, James C. Marshall, Irwin Camp, Wilson Laird, C. Leigel, and Wm. L. Scott, a committee of our officers who had been appointed to go to Buffalo and escort him hither. He received a glorious welcome at the hands of the Democracy of Erie county, who turned out in force to receive him. When the train reached the depot a salute was fired by the Erie artillery, and the thunder of their two guns, united with the shouts of the multitude in attendance, fairly made the welkin ring as Douglas alighted from the cars. The crowd that immediately pressed around him was so dense that it was almost impossible for the committee to get him to his carriage, and so eager were the people to see him that, for some time, it looked as if he would be crushed to death or smothered in the compact, excited, and struggling mass which surrounded him. Several military companies were in attendance, and one of these formed around the open carriage in which he was placed to keep back the crowd, and a procession was then formed which escorted him to Brown's Hotel. This procession was nearly a mile in length, composed of the military and citizens, on horseback and on foot. Several large teams were in the line, which had come in from the country loaded down with sturdy, live Democrats. From each wagon rose a large hickory pole, and from it floated the national colors, whilst grouped around stood the men steadying the pole and waving their hats, and shouting at the top of their lungs in *response* to the wild cheers that rose from the street and side-walks. It was a most exciting scene, and beat any popular demonstration I have ever before seen in point of genuine enthusiasm.

A pretty feature in the procession was a boat named "The Constitution," which was drawn upon wheels, and in which were seated thirty-three little girls dressed in white, typical of the thirty-three States of the Union. Shortly after arriving at the hotel Judge Douglas proceeded to the public square opposite, where a stand had been erected for him to address the people. Around this had collected a vast crowd of men, women, and children, and his appearance was the signal for another outburst of enthusiasm. The meeting was organized by the selection of Geo. H. Cutler, Esq., for Pres't dent and Messrs David Olin, Hector McLean, F. M. White, John Kilpatrick, Robert Cochrane, E. W. Gerrish, J. Y. James, and Wm. P. Shattuck, for Vice Presidents; but hardly had it been organized when the rain, which had been for sometime giving premonitory signs of its coming, began to fall in torrents. The people, however, stood their ground, and a proposition to adjourn to Farron Hall was voted down almost unanimously. In a few minutes the rain ceased, and the proceedings of the meeting were resumed. Mr. Coulter, after congratulating the people of Erie upon the large number of their fellow-citizens, who, notwithstanding the shortness of the notice and the inclemency of the weather, were present uniting with them in sustaining the Democratic candidate for President of the United States, introduced Judge Douglas, who spoke for one hour, the rain falling at intervals during his remarks.

FUSION.

An incident in his speech was the following call from a person in the crowd:

"We want you to tell us a little about fusion."

Judge Douglas replied—You look as if you were pretty well fused out there now. [Laughter and applause.] Well, I will give you my opinion as to fusion. [Cries of "Good."] I think that every man who believes that slavery ought to be banished from the halls of Congress, and remanded to the people of the Territories, subject to the Constitution, ought to fuse and act together; *but that no Democrat can, without dishonor, and a forfeiture of self-respect and principle, fuse with anybody who is in favor of intervention, either for slavery or against slavery.* [Immense applause.] *Lincoln and Breckinridge might fuse, for they agree in principle.* [Laughter and cheers.] *I can never fuse with either of them, because I differ from both.* [Three cheers for Douglas.] I am in favor of all men acting together who are opposed to this slavery agitation; and in favor of banishing it from Congress forever; *but, as Democrats, we can never fuse either with Northern Abolitionists or Southern bolters and Secessionists* [Loud cheers.]

WHO WILL BE PRESIDENT IF THE PEOPLE FAIL TO ELECT.

As he was about closing, another individual asked him who would be President in case the people and the House failed to elect. In response to this question he said: "The Vice President becomes President of the United States, in the event the people fail to elect and the House cannot elect."

The same person then asked, "Who is the Vice President in that case?"

Judge Douglas replied, "Him who the Senate chooses of the two highest candidates for Vice President, voted for by the people; that is to say either Johnson or Hamlin. [Cheers and laughter.] In the event the people fail to elect a President, the Constitution provides that the House of Representatives shall choose one from the three highest candidates voted for by the people, who, in that case, will be Bell, Lincoln, and myself; [three cheers]; and if the people fail to elect a Vice President, then the Senate selects that officer from the two highest candidates, who will be Johnson and Hamlin. If the House fails to elect by the fourth of March, then the Vice President becomes President, and in that case Johnson will be the next President. I therefore propose three cheers for Herschel V. Johnson!"

The cheers were heartily given, and were followed by nine for Douglas.

After his speech the Judge received his friends at Brown's Hotel for one hour, which was thronged by thousands anxious to see and get a shake of his hand. He then left for Cleveland with a committee from that city who had come thus far to meet him.

In the evening speeches were made to an audience of some twenty five hundred, in Farron Hall, by Hon. Ed. C. Marshall, of Kentucky, and George Copway, the head chief of the Chippewas, who is on the war-path for Douglas and doing good service in the cause. These gentlemen made able and eloquent appeals, and were listened to with great attention. Our friends expected Judge Douglas to remain over night with them, and had made preparations for a grand torchlight procession in his honor, but they yielded him reluctantly to the Cleveland committee, as he had promised to reach Cleveland last night, and the Democracy there were all ready to give him a great reception. Considering that but three days' notice of his intended visit here was given, his reception was a splendid one, and indicated that the people of Erie county wear him in their heart of hearts as the great vindicator of their rights and the rights of the people of the whole country. Look for a largely increased vote for the straight-out Douglas electoral ticket in November as compared with the vote cast in 1856 for Buchanan in Erie county. The work goes bravely on here. PERRY.

Letter from Tennessee.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

NASHVILLE, Sept. 20, 1860.

This city has been enlivened for a few days past by the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F. The members met on Monday morning last, at the Odd Fellows' Hall, and, preceded by the members of the order in Nashville, marched in procession to the Cap