

FUTURE OF MILITIA

Col. E. L. Hitchcock Favours the Passage of Some New Laws.

MEASURES THAT HE ADVOCATES

Would Have the Laws So Framed That the Militia Could Be Organized on a National Basis for the Protection of the Country from Invasion or Any Sudden Emergency That Might Arise.

The discussion now filling the press of the country upon the availability of the National guard organizations of the several states for national military operations, offensive and defensive, prompts me to reproduce some suggestions on this subject which I made in several articles published in the military magazines several years ago. Those articles were written in the hope of promoting some congressional legislation which would make our several National guards available for purposes of defense or offense, as they might be needed in case of emergency.

LAW OF THE SUBJECT

The National guard of Pennsylvania is organized under the act of assembly approved April 18, 1889. Section 1 of this act provides that the active militia of this commonwealth shall hereafter be styled the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and shall be subject to all things to the orders of their officers.

This clearly recognizes a distinction between the "active" or organized militia, who have voluntarily enlisted for a certain definite period under this act, and the general mass of citizens—able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45—who under the constitution are liable to military duty under the general term militia.

The obligation to military service of these two classes of militia rests upon totally different foundations. The obligation of the former is wholly under and by virtue of his contract of enlistment, which has been voluntarily entered into by him under the provisions of said law and for a definite term.

OBLIGATION OF THE CITIZEN.

The obligation of the latter manifestly extends to any service that emergency may require in any part of this country. It was under this obligation that our armies were filled up by drafting during the latter part of the war of the rebellion. It is equally clear that a number of laws that the obligation of the former—the National guard—imposed by his contract of enlistment and the laws under which the guard is organized, and which the first section of the act above quoted say, the guardsman shall be at all times "subject to the orders of his officers."

In such event the men enlisting would do so under a new contract of enlistment made to conform to the general law, and the possible liability to service as well as the ordinary state services. I believe such a scheme is entirely practicable, and would give us a superb army of sufficient strength for emergency needs.

WOULD BE AN EDUCATOR.

It would, moreover, be the educational foundation of an army of almost unlimited size should a state of actual war occur, and give us the power and security of a standing army without its burden, and this would be the proverbial ounce of prevention which would make a war highly improbable if not impossible. The states would be the gainers in every respect.

MONITOR.

A large number of people were at the Lackawanna and Montrose depot last night at 6.30 to see the start for Gettysburg. The boys were happy and anticipated a good time. In the meantime the stay-at-homes will be lessening and will be glad when the engagement is over.

NO MORE PATRIOTIC MEN.

There is no more patriotic body of men in the world than our own National guard, and most undoubtedly every man would promptly say yes to any emergency call by the general government. But this probability does not fulfill the military conditions of availability.

Such an emergency as would occur in case of a sudden invasion from our long and unprotected northern frontier, as was thought possible only a few years ago during the Behring sea intrigue when the secretary of war telegraphed the adjutant general of Pennsylvania asking how quickly he could put the guard en route for Buffalo or Cleveland would involve a service of several months' duration at least, with all the probabilities of actual war with a powerful foreign nation.

It is clear that a service is not contemplated by the National guard organization, and it is exceedingly unwise to remain in a position where, owing to emergency conditions, such a service might have to be asked from it. The guards' special work is to take care of our own state, more cannot and ought not to be asked of it, until it shall be—ever organized upon a national basis. The old maxim, "in time of peace prepare for war," is as applicable today as ever. The possible need of a large army for defensive purposes ought to be recognized at once.

THE CANADIAN MILITIA.

The militia force of our Canadian neighbors is organized on a different basis from our guard. It is an auxiliary of their regular army and can be called at a moment's notice. In case of a sudden emergency it would be found a most expensive luxury in case we should find ourselves suddenly involved in a war with our northern neighbors.

THE Religious World.

Dr. John Saadi, of Africa, will lecture next Tuesday evening, in St. David's church on Jackson street. Mr. Saadi was interpreter to the English forces during the Nile expedition inaugurated for the relief of the famous General Gordon in the Soudan, Africa. He also labored for several years as a self-sustaining missionary in Morocco, North Africa, and has had all possible opportunity to know and study Islamism in its various phases.

The Young men's meeting will open next Tuesday evening, in the above church the people of our city will have an opportunity to hear what has to be said in regard to our traditions. He will also speak of the condition of women in the east and give a brief sketch of the Gordon relief expedition.

Dr. Saadi has come to this country to prepare himself more thoroughly for missionary work. He is now a student of the University of Pennsylvania and during the summer months delivers lectures in the towns and cities of our state. No admission fee will be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken to aid the lecturer in his effort to secure greater qualifications for foreign missionary work.

INSTALLATION SERVICE.

The congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran church, on Cedar avenue, has given a call to Arthur Batze to become pastor of the church on Thursday, August 16, at Laurel Hill park.

The Sunday school of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church will hold its annual picnic at Laurel Hill park on Thursday, August 16, at 10 o'clock.

THE CLERGY.

Rev. D. J. Williams, of Peckville, will occupy the pulpit of the First Welsh Baptist church tomorrow.

Rev. W. H. Pearce, D.D., of the Elm Street church, is spending part of his vacation in Thousand Islands park.

Professor Herman Roe, of Townsend, Del., will occupy the pulpit of the Penn Avenue Baptist church tomorrow.

Rev. J. Suter, of the Second German Methodist church, is spending part of the week with friends at Lake Maplewood.

Rev. A. Evans, of the Providence Presbyterian church, will occupy the pulpit of Rev. W. F. Davies at to-morrow evening's service.

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GENERAL NEWS OF INDUSTRIES

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