

BULLETS IN THE AIR

Lively Fusillade When the Ninth Regiment Reached Conewago.

BAGGAGE CAR SET ON FIRE

Contained Twelve Thousand Rounds of Ammunition.

CAR HAD TO BE CUT LOOSE FROM THE TRAIN AND ABANDONED TO ITS FATE—IT CONTAINED THE BULK OF THE PERSONAL BAGGAGE OF THE OFFICERS OF THE NINTH AS WELL AS THE AMMUNITION—UNITED STATES OFFICERS BELIEVE THE THIRTEENTH WILL BE READY TO MOVE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Camp Daniel H. Hastings, Mt. Gretna, May 17.—Other regiments went away without attracting any particular notice, but it was not so with the Ninth.

At Conewago Junction, twelve miles away, the baggage car on the first section, containing 12,000 rounds of ammunition and the bulk of the officers' personal baggage, took fire and because of the danger that would attend an attempt to extinguish the blaze, the car was hurriedly cut loose from the train, backed into a siding and left to its fate. The train had just discovered the blaze started to carry out the ammunition, but upon picking up one of the boxes, already blistering hot, and noticing its label, 1,000 rounds 45 calibre Springfield cartridges, he tentatively but quickly deposited his burden on the floor of the car and retreated. Most of the cartridges simply "popped," but some of them exploded with much force and sent bullets flying for hundreds of yards in all directions. The soldiers got away with all haste when it was seen that the contents of the car could not be saved and the people of Conewago gave the scene of the excitement a wide berth. This and good luck prevented any serious consequences.

FIFTH LEFT QUIETLY.

The Fifth got away very quietly at 2 o'clock, bound for Chickamauga, and two hours later the Ninth followed, the only demonstration attending its departure being the turning out of the Twelfth and Eighth regiments, whose camps they passed on their way to the station. One of the Ninth's men, Private Hancock, of Company F, was carried to the train at the head of the regiment on a stretcher. He was stricken with a sort of ague during the morning, but the surgeons thought it was not serious enough to warrant leaving him behind and the lad himself appealed strongly to be taken along, so the hospital corps laid him out on a stretcher and carried him to the train.

The Ninth took its ambulance along. Tonight the question as to when the Thirteenth will move can be answered with some degree of certainty. The Second and Tenth are scheduled to leave respectively at 10 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m. tomorrow and a strong effort will be made to get the Eighth started tomorrow night or at the latest Thursday morning early.

The Thirteenth and Twelfth are scheduled to leave next after the Eighth, and both Lieutenant Howe and Lieutenant Hay, quartermaster and commissary respectively, stated to me this evening that they feel assured that they can have everything ready for the Thirteenth's departure by Thursday afternoon, ten days' field rations included. If on Wednesday night it is seen that the departure can be made on the morrow, Colonel Courten will give orders to break camp at daylight and by noon or a few hours later at the most, the tentage and equipments can be packed and everything made ready for departure.

THE WASHINGTON CAMP.

The camping ground of the Pennsylvania regiments assigned to the Second corps is still a matter of conjecture, nothing official having as yet

been given out on the subject. The headquarters of the corps are at Falls Church, Va., but there is a well-defined rumor extant and some little trustworthy information to the effect that a detached brigade is to be formed of these four Pennsylvania regiments and one or two from Massachusetts or New Jersey for service as a capital guard with headquarters at Munson Hill, overlooking Washington from the Virginia hills beyond Arlington, and within easy access of the capital by wagon road and three bridges.

This, however, is not very material, as any of the mentioned camp grounds about Washington are as desirable as one could look for. T. J. Duffy.

NINTH REGIMENT'S LOSS.

Officers Lost All of Their Personal Effects by a Fire.

Harrisburg, May 17.—The thirty-six officers of the Ninth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, composed of companies from Wilkes-Barre and Pottsville, met with a serious misfortune this evening on their way to Chickamauga. A car containing their personal effects took fire at Conewago from a spark of a passing locomotive and was destroyed with all its contents, except a half-dozen horses. The officers lose all their baggage, coats, money, commissions and the muster rolls of the entire regiment. The aggregate loss is about \$5,000; the individual loss of each officer being not less than \$100.

None of the officers have anything left, except what they carry on their person. They take their loss good-naturedly and were in excellent spirits when they reached Harrisburg at 7.30 this evening with the regiment. There were several boxes of ammunition in the car, which deterred the soldiers from making an effort to extinguish the fire. Some of the ammunition exploded, although nobody was injured. Governor Hastings was at the railroad station in this city with Brigadier Generals Gobin, Wiley, Major General Snowden, Colonel Elliott, Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin, Private Secretary Bettler, ex-State Treasurer Haywood to greet the troops while the cars were watered and the locomotives changed. The governor marched from one end of the train to the other, shaking hands with the officers and men, and commending them for their patriotism in enlisting. General Gobin was recognized by the troops and they gave repeated cheers for their old commander.

During the wait the soldiers were supplied with coffee and sandwiches through the generosity of Governor and Mrs. Hastings. The governor is much pleased with the efforts of the Pennsylvania Railroad company to make the soldiers comfortable on their long journey. The officers travel in Pullman coaches and the men in first-class passenger coaches. Each man is allowed a seat, which may be turned at night so that he may rest comfortably.

SWORD FOR COLONEL DOUGHERTY.

Presented to Him by Admirers Before He Left Camp.

Mount Gretna, Pa., May 17.—The Fifth and Ninth regiments are on their way to Chickamauga. The former started from Camp Hastings shortly after the noon hour and the latter left towards evening. Battery B is still in camp but will leave Thursday for Chickamauga. The order to move was received this afternoon. The Twelfth regiment has received orders to move to Falls Church, Va., at once. The same order, it is stated, was received at the headquarters of the Eighth regiment, and both regiments are in readiness to leave as soon as rations are provided.

Drills have been suspended and only fatigue, guard mount and special duties are attended to, although somewhat irksome, the volunteers yet remaining in camp are having an easy time of it. While some were today engaged in cleaning their guns and other equipments, the majority were to be seen lying in and around their tents engaged in smoking and reading. The recruits, however, do not have quite as easy a time. A majority of the company commanders and their men on the parade grounds today and drilled them with vigor.

Colonel Dougherty, of the Ninth regiment, prior to the regiment's start for Chickamauga this afternoon, was presented with a handsome sword, belt and gauntlet. The gift was from his Wilkes-Barre admirers. The presentation speech was made by Major Harding, Surgeon Jones and Adjutant Buss of the same regiment, were presented with gold medals for efficient service.

GOSSIP OF THE CAMP.

From a Staff Correspondent. Camp Daniel H. Hastings, Mt. Gretna, May 17.—Colonel Courten this morning received from Secretary Alger the following acknowledgment of the petition sent by him and other officers of the Third brigade for the appointment of General Gobin to a brigadier's ship.

War Department, Washington, D. C., May 17, 1898. Dear Sir: I have, by reference from the Hon. M. S. Quay, the letter of the 15th inst., signed by yourself and others of your brigade, in behalf of the appointment of Brigadier General J. P. S. Goun as a brigadier general of Pennsylvania volunteers. It has been placed on file to be brought to the president's attention when the next list of brigadier generals is made out. Very truly yours, R. A. Alger, Secretary of War.

Colonel Henry A. Courten, Thirtieth regiment, infantry, Camp Hastings, Pa. This might be taken as an indication that Senator Quay is striving for the recognition of General Gobin but as far as is known there is nothing definite to substantiate this supposition.

The question of keeping the companies up being generally discussed. Many are of the opinion that inasmuch as Pennsylvania's quota of 10,500 has been filled that there cannot be any further recruiting, while others hold that each state is expected to keep its quota permanently established, at least until actual warfare begins. The matter has been referred to Washington, with a proposition that for the present at least regiments be permitted to fill vacancies that may occur in their ranks, and that the adjutant of each regiment be appointed a recruiting officer to simplify the work. The ques-

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tion will likely be settled when Washington is reached. In the Thirteenth there are a few vacancies and it is the wish of Colonel Courten that they be filled before he formally presents his command for acceptance in the second army corps to which it has been attached. There are any number of applications for places and if the desired permission is granted there will be little time lost in filling the same. Emmet McDermott, of Company F, who was the regimental headquarters bugler and who was rejected because of his tallure to secure his parents consent to his way of thinking and they are now anxious to have their boy home, who formerly were to have him sent home. Colonel Courten and, in fact the whole regiment, want him back as there is no one in the drum corps at present who can quite fill his place, and if permission to recruit comes, he will be possibly the first man to be taken in.

The drum corps are just now in a rather depleted condition, there being but six members all told for the eight companies, while the regulations provide that there shall be two for each company or sixteen in all. The newly appointed chief musician Sergeant Reed F. Verry, of Company G, is making strong efforts to organize a full corps, and feels confident that before the regiment has been long established at its southern camp he will have a corps that will be a credit to the regiment.

No time is being lost in preparing for the regiment's departure. While the work of looking after equipment and rations has been hurried up by Quartermaster H. B. Cox, Adjutant L. T. Mattes has been busy arranging the details of the journey and this morning completed the make-up of the trains and the drafting of the general orders for the government of the troops en route.

The train will move in three sections. The first section will consist of the baggage cars, a Pullman sleeper and twelve coaches. In the sleeper will be Colonel Courten, Major Stillwell, Regimental Adjutant Mattes, Quartermaster Cox, Surgeon Parke, Battalion Adjutant Gunster and the line officers of the first battalion, which is composed of Companies A, B, C, and D. One of the coaches will be occupied by the non-commissioned staff and drum corps and the other eleven coaches by the enlisted men of Companies A, B, C, and D. Under the regular army regulations the companies are to be under command of their respective first sergeants while traveling, with the railroad officer who accompanies having general supervision.

The second section will be made up of one sleeper and eleven coaches. Lieutenant Colonel Mattes will be in charge and with him will be Major Wood, Chaplain Stahl, Assistant Surgeons Keller and Blanchard, Battalion Adjutant Courten and the line officers of the second battalion. The coaches will be occupied by Companies E, F, G, and H, comprising the second battalion.

A horse car, a canvas car, a ration car and three baggage cars will make up the third section. The trains will travel at safe intervals on express time and it is expected they will make the one hundred and sixty mile journey in less than seven hours.

A telegram came this morning to Private Samuel Martin, of Company E, announcing that his father, Fred S. Martin, of Honesdale, was dangerously ill and urging him to come home at once. While he was working to secure a furlough another telegram came stating that his father was dead.

Companies C and E today received six large packages of amber novelties from ex-Sergeant Robinson. This will be a hot time in the old town tonight.

Quartermaster Cox in addition to his many other duties is busied with the preparations for sending back to Scranton all the camp equipment and company property that is not to be taken into the field. Stoves and tin fixtures, which have been supplanted by the portable "buzzcoats," crockeryware and "table tools," officers extra tent trappings and about everything else not included in United States army regulations will be sent home.

Bread baking will not be commenced until the regiment goes into camp at Washington. From tomorrow, when the issue of soft bread ceases, until the regiment departs from here hard tack will be the only subsistence in the way of "bread of life."

Captain E. D. Fellows, of Company F, is officer of the day. Lieutenant W. E. Dodge, of Company E, commander of the guard, and Private Harry Smith, of Company D, headquarters' orderly.

Company D has had twenty-seven orders this far.

Albert Foster, one of Company F's rejected men, is back in camp on a visit.

Captain Smith, of Company E, is proud, and deservedly so, of his recruits. They are anxious and quick to learn and are making rapid strides along the road to perfection in military tactics. Then, too, there isn't a finer looking body of men in the regiment.

SPAIN'S HARD LUCK. History Shows She Has Always Been Unsuccessful on the Seas.

Rochester Post Express. A most intelligent student of history and a well-known writer thereof as well, said in our presence yesterday, that the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Manila is consistent with the record of Spanish history from the first time the boats uniformly defeated upon the seas. Since this remark was made, we have been turning the pages of Spanish history and have discovered the following facts:—Spain, in a few minor and insignificant engagements, Spain has always lowered her flag upon the ocean, has never floated it in triumph over a foe. Spain became an important state from the union of Castile and Arragon by the marriage of Isabella and Ferdinand in 1469 and, under those monarchs, through the discovery of America by Columbus, her possession and colonization of the western world began. Columbus was at San Salvador in 1492. A year later Pope Alexander VI granted to Spain all lands that might be discovered west of an imaginary line drawn 90 leagues to the west of the Azores and the Cape Verde islands, the line being subsequently placed at 370 leagues west of the last named islands. In 1512 Ponce de Leon explored Florida and in 1513 Balboa looked upon the Pacific. In 1519 Cortes invaded Mexico and, within two years, had completed his conquest. In 1521 Cortes subjugated Peru. In 1535, Mendoza subdued Buenos Ayres, four years later Chile was conquered, and before the sixteenth century had run quarter of its course, Spain had in actual possession of the whole of Central and South America.

Spain had able navigators, bold adventurers, gallant soldiers, who richly honored her with their blood and treasure. She was in the zenith of her power in the middle of the sixteenth century. Her fleet, under the command of the sea was against her. Her control of the western continent was disputed by England and France and Portugal. The buccannery of the Spanish main plundered her galleons and Drake and Hawkins chastised her ships. In 1587 Drake dashed in the harbor of Cadiz and destroyed nearly 100 ships, which were to form a part of the great Armada, and a year later, Howard dispersed the mighty fleet in the English channel. In every contest with the Anglo-Saxon upon the seas Spain has lost, from the days of the Dutch Admiral De Witt, to the English ships under Sir George Rooke, stormed and took Gibraltar and that famed fortress has since remained in English hands.

And not alone by the Anglo-Saxon has the Spanish flag been stricken from the seas. The Dutch, the French, and the Portuguese have in turn lowered it. The Dutch Admiral De Witt, in 1632, captured Spanish vessels, whose booty was estimated at 7,000,000 guilders, and Dutch sailors captured the greater part of the fleet together with Manila, Cebu, Java, and other islands, while, eight years later, France annihilated an immense Spanish fleet in the Downs, where it had taken refuge under the neutral flag of England, and in 1805 England again recorded the splendid victory at Trafalgar over the combined fleets of France and Spain. These are but a few of the naval defeats which Spain has experienced in the last three centuries, but the story is one of uniform disaster. Meanwhile, of course, on land, as on sea, she has been a decadent empire, her empire of the sea, her maritime possessions, until none are left save those now trembling in the balance, in the conflict with another Anglo-Saxon race than that of the English.

Who can doubt that the first signal reverse which Dewey has inflicted will be followed by others? Spain is now fighting, not alone against a nation far superior to her in resources of men and of means, but also a nation which is provided with the perfected agencies of modern science. War is a matter today of numbers, cool and engine, as well as of muscular force, and the Spanish are greatly deficient in scientific attainments. Spain has learned nothing either in war or in peace. She is the same now as she was before the battle of Lepanto. Then it was a trial of Anglo-Saxon grit and Spanish effrontery. It is the same today, save that that grit is added the knowledge which science has given. The ribs of oak have been resolved into armaments of steel and the keener aims with mathematical precision. Spain will be made to cower to her record.

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