

THIRTEENTH SET BACK

General Gobin Assigned to Second Place in Brigade Line.

REASON FOR HIS ACTION

Says Coursen Is Not Senior Colonel of the Brigade.

COLONEL HOFFMAN, WHOSE REGIMENT WAS GIVEN THE RIGHT OF THE LINE, WAS A NATIONAL GUARD COLONEL FOR ONLY FORTY-EIGHT HOURS BEFORE HIS REGIMENT, THE EIGHTH, WAS MUSTERED INTO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE—EIGHTH OHIO HAS BEEN ORDERED TO NEWPORT NEWS.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp Alger, Va., June 29.—General Gobin in today's brigade drill set the Thirteenth regiment back to second place in the line. In the face of the fact that Colonel Coursen was designated senior colonel by Major General Graham and assigned to the command of the brigade in consequence thereof, much surprise ensued at General Gobin's action. The general explains that a mistake was made in giving Colonel Coursen seniority, as Colonel Hoffman, of the Eighth, General Gobin's old regiment, was mustered in one day earlier than Colonel Coursen.

Colonel Hoffman was a colonel in the National Guard just 18 hours before being mustered, succeeding Colonel Magee, who could not pass the physical examination.

The brigade drill was a fine spectacle and opened the eyes of the regiments from the other states and the regular army men. It was the first brigade drill attempted here.

The Eighth, Ohio, one of the regiments of our division, was ordered to start Friday for Newport News to take the transport *Duchesse* for Santiago.

Encouraged by the information gleaned from Colonel Girard yesterday, Major Parke made a formal application for the position of surgeon of the Third brigade and after securing the flattering endorsement from General Gobin, took it down to Washington and presented it to General Sternberg.

To Major Parke's great surprise and equal joy General Sternberg informed him that he was to be the next brigade surgeon to be appointed and that the appointment would be made as soon as there was a vacancy. By way of assurance General Sternberg showed Major Parke the list of nominations with his own name at the head.

Colonel Welch, of the Sixty-third New York, has asked that a court martial be convened in the First division to try Private John St. James, of Company C, who assaulted one of his officers, Lieutenant Jackson, St. James, who is a big, burly fellow, attacked the lieutenant and soiling him about the legs threw him on top against a post. The punishment penalty for assaulting an officer is death, but it can be lessened at the discretion of the court.

Lieutenant Amos of the Seventh, Ohio, who stole off to Columbus to be married when he was refused a leave of absence by his colonel, pleaded guilty before the second division court martial yesterday. His previous good record in the regular army coupled with letters of recommendation from General Miles, General Carr and Adjutant General Corbin saved him from disgrace. He was let off with a reprimand.

Private Arthur Allison, Company K, Seventh, Illinois, is in the Second division hospital with an ugly gash in his throat. He was sent to Washington with \$50 of his company's funds to purchase supplies. He got on a spree, spent the money and overtaxed his pass three days. When he returned he was placed in the guard house to await trial. He became melancholy and at times plunged a knife into his throat. The wound, while dangerous, is not necessary fatal.

GOSSIP OF THE CAMP.

From a Staff Correspondent.
Camp Alger, Va., June 29.—Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Mattee, noting as corps officer of the day, yesterday held the highest military position he ever occupied. Only one officer could give him commands in anything relating to the camp and that was the corps commander, General Graham. For twenty-four hours he had over 20,000 men at his bidding.

Major Parke's suggestion that the hour of guard mount be changed has been adopted by Major General Graham, and hereafter that arduous duty will follow dress parade, in the evening.

It would seem that some of the authorities are anxious to cause unnecessary excitement. It now develops that the ten ambulances hurried over to Dunn Loring station Monday were sent thither solely for the purpose of carrying back some hospital supplies. The only reason that can be assigned to the refusal to divulge the purpose of the move is that they did not want to scatter the startling information that hospital supplies had really been received. It might also have been in the mind of the chief surgeon that some newspaper correspondent might ask him if this is the first lot of hospital supplies received.

"Don't jab my horse, man," excitedly cried the critical inspector as he suddenly drew rein. "Don't you cross that line, or I'll jab you and the horse," replied the sentry. The corporal of the guard, Richard Bourke, was called and came along with such dignified leisure that it provoked the inspector into saying: "If you intend to keep me here all night, you might better put me in the guard house." The corporal scanned the halted man as if having difficulty to recognize him and then, with an aggravating "Oh, yes, Lieutenant Butler, let him pass sentry." By this time the inspector recollected that he had officially complained of the laxity of the Thirteenth's guard, and realizing that the boys were simply doing a little too well that which he claimed they did not do well enough smiling said: "Good night, gentlemen," and spurred forward on his journey.

Colonel Coursen repeated his call at brigade headquarters yesterday and found General Gobin about to start to call on him. They had a good laugh over an article that appeared in a Washington paper, which made out that because they had failed, through a misunderstanding, to exchange formal calls there was an estrangement resulting from rivalry for the brigadiership.

A consignment of 106 guns were received by Quartermaster Cox yesterday. They are to take the place of the guns that have been condemned. Over 200 men of the regiment are still unarmed.

For a time last night it looked very much as if there was going to be a big exodus of troops from here and that the First division would be in the thick of it. Thirty days' travel rations were issued to the Second brigade, a battalion of the First brigade was suddenly and without explanation called in from guard duty and the Third brigade received word that there was a consignment of guns for its three regiments down at Dunn Loring. But it all came to naught. The Second brigade part of the story was all right. They are to go and have been expecting to go at any hour for over two weeks. The First brigade scare turned out to be nothing more than a move to make any inquiries, proceeded to his' hip and turn red fire. An officer went over to division headquarters to find out what the sending in of the guards signified. When he returned with the news that it meant practically nothing the cheers gave way to deep-seated groans and the red illuminated atmosphere turned blue.

Private Reed Very, who has been acting as chief musician since the regiment left Gretna, was assigned to Company C, upon being relieved by Chief Musician Miles.

Respectful Zentler and Corporal Games, of Company B, went home yesterday on a furlough.

Montrose Barnard, a former major of the Thirteenth, is visiting the regiment.

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Private William A. Grullin, of Company G, is enjoying a week's furlough at his home in Hallsend.

Private W. J. Harton, of Company G, leaves tomorrow for his home in Montrose on a seven day furlough.

Dr. Van Cleef, of Scranton, was a guest at headquarters yesterday.

Privates Peter Barrett and Miles Driscoll, of Company C, are to enter the regular army service with the Fort Myer artillerists.

General Gobin has directed that no recruits hereafter be placed on fatigue duty, but instead kept at drill until they are efficient in the manual.

Captain Ambrose Higgins, the Pittsburg boy, recently appointed by President McKinley and now attached to General Greedy's signal corps visited the Thirteenth yesterday and met many former Scout acquaintances. He is to go to Philadelphia as a recruiting agent for the signal corps, being entrusted with the organization of a sub-company composed of 75 men. There are seven non-com positions in such company, which pay from \$10 to \$14 a month and the captain has the selection of the men for these positions. Telegraph operators are preferred for the official positions.

Corporals Russ and Conrad, of Company A, are back from a five day stay at Scranton. T. J. Duffy.

Yale Centers Degrees.
New Haven, Conn., June 29.—Yale university today conferred upon Russell W. Davenport, of South Bethlehem, Pa., vice president of the Bethlehem Iron company, the honorary degree of master of arts in recognition of his scientific abilities and public services in the manufacture of guns and armor plate. It also made President McKinley a doctor of laws.



COUSIN OF ETHAN ALLEN.

Mrs. Connolly, a Woman of Illustrious Relationship, Dies in Scranton.
Mrs. John Connolly, mother of the late Hon. D. W. Connolly, died suddenly at her home on Arlington Heights Tuesday afternoon. Heart disease was the cause of her death. She was the widow of John Connolly, who was a well-known contractor. Mrs. Connolly's seventy-ninth birthday was celebrated last Sunday.

Mrs. Connolly was born in Montgomery, Mass., of old New England parentage and was a cousin of Ethan Allen and a distant relative of President Tyler. In 1841 she became Mrs. John Connolly and lived with her husband in Scranton, residing in a house situated where Clarke Bros.' store is now located.

Mr. Connolly was one of the men who had contracts for building the Delaware and Western and Western roads. He had the contract for grading Lackawanna avenue and built the first street railway to Dunmore. He died at Narrowsburg, N. Y., in 1872, while engaged in building the Union tunnel in New York.

Mrs. Connolly was well versed in literature and art and was most charitably disposed. She was the mother of thirteen children, the following six of whom are living: John K., Joseph F. and Tyler, of Scranton; Mrs. J. P. Stanton, Mrs. John McCassey, of New York; Mrs. Carrie Lawrence, of Scranton. She has three brothers and a sister, Andrew, Samuel and Joseph Allen, and Mrs. Kagorn, of Holyoke, Mass.

The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Burial will be made in Forest Hill cemetery.

BASE BALL TOMORROW.

Famous Cuban Giants Will Play the Y. M. C. A. Team.

The lovers of the national game will have an opportunity of witnessing a spirited contest of base ball at Athletic park tomorrow afternoon between the well-known Cuban Giants and the strong Young Men's Christian association team. The association players have been putting up gilt-edge ball this season and tomorrow's game will be one of the best of the season.

O'Neill, the pride of Minooka, and Matthews, the hero of Factoryville, will alternate in the box for the home team, and two new faces will be seen in the game. Williams, the Bloomington Normal school player, and Cummings, of St. Thomas' college team, have been signed and will play their first game with the Y's tomorrow afternoon. Both are excellent fielders and strong batters and will undoubtedly strengthen the team.

The make-up of the club tomorrow will be as follows: Logan, catcher; O'Neill and Matthews, pitchers; Owens, first base; Cummings, second base; Cherry, shortstop; Blundin, third base; Reese, center field; Williams, left field; White, right field; "Senator" McGuinness will umpire the game.

DEATH OF MILTON DECKER.

Injured Several Months Ago in D. & W. Round House.

From injuries received several months ago in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western round house, Milton Decker, a machinist, died Tuesday morning at the Moses Taylor hospital. He was pinned between a piston and an engine bumper and injured internally.

Decker was known as "Flat wheel" Decker, a nickname earned by his experience while an engineer on the Lackawanna Valley road under Superintendent Alex. Mitchell during the Civil war. His train was running away on a trip down the mountain near Wilkes-Barre and he was forced to set the brakes hard enough to knock the wheels. The train "slid" for a long distance and Decker pulled into the Wilkes-Barre depot without a round wheel on his train.

The funeral will be held in Dunmore this morning. Burial will be made in the old Catholic cemetery.

LOCOMOTIVE SPARK.

Sets Fire to a Small House in the North End.

A small, one-story, frame house at 1045 Hudson street, was set on fire by a spark from a passing Delaware, Lackawanna and Western locomotive just before midnight last night. An alarm was sounded from box 85, but the blaze was extinguished by Cumberland company men with a few buckets of water before the other companies of the district reached the scene. The house was not occupied. It is owned by William Hopkin.

The Pope's Health.
Rome, June 29.—The pope is said to be greatly affected by the course of the Spanish-American war, and, in view of his age and previous prostration for some time past, his entourage is anxious, although his physicians declare there is no cause for alarm.

DALTON.
The pastor-elect of the Dalton Baptist church will take charge next Sunday. Last Sunday morning Rev. Elkannah Hulley, principal of Keystone Academy, closed his work as supply, at which time the following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous standing vote: Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to Rev. Elkannah Hulley, principal of Keystone Academy, for his kindness in supplying our pulpit the past ten months, that the church and congregation have been of a very high order—interesting, scholarly, spiritual. They will retain a permanent place in our memory as among the best and most helpful sermons it has been our privilege to hear. We fully believe that these excellent sermons come from the heart of the preacher, that they

are the reflection of a pure and good life, and they are a precious legacy bequeathed and enforced by citations from the word of God.

PECKVILLE.

Rev. S. C. Simpkins spent yesterday at Moscow.

The Ontario Kindergarten school will close the term this afternoon with a picnic in the grove below the Ontario breaker.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union will meet at the home of Mrs. J. E. Williams on South Main street this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Emma Jenkinson, the young Armenian lady, will speak in the Presbyterian church here next Sunday morning.

Our horchata here will meet at the council rooms this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beisch returned from their wedding tour last Tuesday evening.

All members of the C. L. S. S. society will meet at the home of Miss Bessie Budd this afternoon.

Misses Gertrude and Edith Watkins, of Taylor, and Mrs. T. W. Watkins, of Olyphant, visited Druggist and Mrs. W. W. Watkins here yesterday.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church will give a sacred concert Sunday evening in the church auditorium. The programme arranged is splendid and several out-of-town persons will assist.

The Misses Bertha, Emma and Etta Peck, A. F. Kizer and H. W. Peck spent Sunday at Carbondale, the guests of Byron Peck.

PRICEBURG.

The people in the vicinity of North Lincoln street were startled Tuesday afternoon by a cavalcade in the middle of the road. Frank Zaleski filled the hole up with large rocks, but when it started to rain it raved down further. Some said it was the result of the breaking of a water pipe, but all the water that came from the road went down into the hole. Mr. O'Hara, of Main street, came and inspected it and said that there had been no fall in the mines. Street Commissioner Parolinski was kept busy while the rain was pouring down so heavily filling it with dirt. It was settling. It has settled no more since.

Miss Alice Humble, of Yatesville, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Birkbeck.

While William Kennedy was going along Carmalt street Tuesday evening he saw a cannon made from a piece of lead pipe and filled with powder, being along ready to be used. He picked it up and carried it to the "squire's" office.

Mrs. James Margison and daughter, Clara, returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in Yatesville.

Misses Mary E. and Bella Wrightson and Alice Harshorn were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wrightson Sunday.

Robert Birkbeck and Adam Apler were in Hyde Park Sunday.

Alice Humble, of Yatesville, is spending a few days with friends in town.

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