

MUCH EXCITEMENT AT CAMP ALGER

COLORED PRIVATE SHOOTS A WOMAN AND ELUDES ARREST.

Two Companies of the Thirteenth Aid in the Search for the Culprit. No Unusual Pay Day Doings in Camp—Future Movements of Troops Are a Minus Quantity as Far as Knowledge of Them is Concerned.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Dunn Loring, Va., Aug. 8.—The camp in an uproar tonight. Private John Starr, of Company D, Ninth battalion, colored, shot a colored woman three times at 7 o'clock. He at once fled in the direction of the depot at Dunn Loring and fired two shots at the son of Colonel Girard, of the division hospital, who tried to stop the desperado in his flight, but neither shot took effect. The woman is reported dying.

The four companies of the Ninth battalion, a troop of cavalry and two companies of the Thirteenth are scouring the woods by lamp light for the criminal. Depots are being searched and all trains held up and patrolled.

The night is very dark and rain is coming down in torrents. The patrol is well prepared for trouble, each man carrying several rounds of ammunition. Richard J. Bourke.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp Alger, Dunn Loring, Va., Aug. 8.—Yesterday and the latter part of Saturday were spent in comparative quietness. The excitement, usually resulting from pay day, has passed without any undesirable results. There were not many breaks for liberty made; the provost had little to do, and the boys behaved themselves well. The extreme heat, which came on suddenly Saturday afternoon, has had the effect of causing most of the men either to don what might be called a semi-altogether, or else to seek shade in the pleasant woods near the camp. Sunday morning the Rev. N. F. Stahl conducted short services in the Y. M. C. A. tent, while some of the Catholic members of the regiment attended mass at Camp Alger, or at Falls Church.

Some time ago it was announced that Adjutant General Corbin had selected devices for the different army corps, and it was then understood that the lucky four-leaf clover would be the badge of the Second army corps. The boys had been looking for this for some time, and were pleased, when receiving their pay, to be presented with the corps sign. In accordance with a rule which is easily intelligible to all, the four-leaf for the First division is red; that of the Second is white, and that of the Third, blue. It is worn on the left side of the campaign hat or on the front of the caps.

NEW CAMP SPECULATION.

All future movements of the troops, with the exception of the march to the new grounds in the vicinity of Bull Run, are a minus quantity as far as can now be ascertained. Since the order was received yesterday afternoon directing the First division to move to Thoroughfare Gap, the march to the removal of regiments representing Rhode Island, New Jersey, Missouri and Virginia has not only been lost sight of entirely, but all appearance has been abandoned. All speculation is now utilized to solve the questions relating to the new site for camp, and Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, for the time being, are rarely, if ever, mentioned.

The order which was published a few days ago, and named the regiments which were to get ready to move at a moment's notice to Newport News and thence to Porto Rico, evidently was in line with many other such orders which aroused the curiosity and the spirit of the men to the highest pitch, and then dashed their hopes to the ground once more with a countermand. So far it has been a game of "Now you see it, now you don't," and, as a result, the men are disgusted in no slight degree. They desire but little—simply to know just for what they are "at," but this is denied them. The would-be Porto Rican campaigners are now disgusted and contemplating with stolidness their three-day march to Thoroughfare Gap.

It is expected that the First division will be moved, regiment by regiment, as soon as possible; and this movement will be hastened, not only by the desire of Major General Graham to have the whole corps more closely concentrated, but also by the water supply which is here becoming more meagre every day.

WILL MOVE NEXT WEEK.

It is not probable that the Thirteenth will be disturbed before the early part of next week. The First battalion's four of provost duty will end next Monday morning, and as it is not likely that any other regiment will be assigned to this duty before that time, and as there are large supplies in the ordnance commissary's and quartermaster's departments which cannot be shipped from the Dunn Loring depot any sooner, we will continue to enjoy the seven years of drought for which this region has become so famous.

It is understood that the march will be made in light marching order, as the knapsack would be too heavy and a great hindrance to the men in this hot climate, and with the prospect before them of a wild goose chase for good water and suitable camping grounds.

The health of the camp may be said to be improving, and this is particularly true of the Thirteenth. The hospital reports show that only seven men are being treated for fever, and that there are thirteen suspected cases. Major Surgeon Keller and Dr. Blanchard and their able assistants are doing everything in their power to slay and preserve the health of the men. Few complaints are to be heard from the men who have been discharged from the division hospital. It is true, however, that the attention of some of the surgeons there was called to the case of Private Gage, of Company G, of the Twelfth Pennsylvania, who was discharged from that institution as cured, and had to be sent back next day. He died yesterday. Major Surgeon Parks is looking into the case.

ES' NON-COM. MESS.

Company E's non-coms. mess is proving itself to be one of the most successful and satisfactory changes recently introduced. All the non-commissioned officers are clubbed together, paying \$1.50 extra per month, and have their own chef. For this sum

they can pay the cook and have something extra, by way of a change at every meal, and, therefore, feel no necessity at any time to spend their money at the stands or lunch counters. The men do the same, paying \$1 each per month. Corporal Horton Cross and Rudolph Weichel are steward and chef respectively for the non-coms., while Privates George Yerry and Edward Gotea fill the same positions for the privates. All are thoroughly satisfied with the way in which this system works, and feel that they are getting much better meals and living much cheaper. Formerly, individually, it would cost them \$4 or \$5 a month for luxuries such as eggs, milk, butter, fruit or vegetables, where as, now clubbed together it costs them only \$1.50 at the most to get such things in a more satisfactory manner. Some of the other companies are speaking of introducing this idea.

A severe penalty was inflicted by the Division commandant on Private John Walsh, of Company F, who was tried a short time ago by a general court martial on the charge of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, disobedience to superior officers, threats and assaulting Private Harris, of the same company. He was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the service of the United States, to forfeit all pay and allowances due him and to be confined at hard labor for the term of six months at such fort as the reviewing direct. This was felt to be a rather severe sentence, and the matter was still further complicated by the allegation that Walsh is a minor. The reviewing officer looked over the testimony taken in the case and now the penalty is to be six months' imprisonment.

A small but heroic corps of stalwart young men left the Dunn Loring depot this morning amid the best wishes and most sincere blessings of all who saw them. They numbered twenty-three in all. They made no noise and looked for no demonstrations in their honor. Quiet in demeanor, they were strong and glad of heart. They were the twenty-three heroes—thirteen from the Second division hospital and ten from the regimental hospitals—who volunteered at the first call of the government, made a few days ago, to sacrifice everything and to go to Santiago as nurses for the American soldiers and sailors now dying there of yellow fever.

The call asked for men, but of those who promptly volunteered and begged to be allowed to go, only five are immunes.

They left on the 8 o'clock train for Washington this morning, and will leave for Santiago at once. Those who form this gall of honor are: Sergeant William M. Smith, Fourth Missouri; Sergeant Frank A. Rose (immune), Fourth Missouri; Corporal Lowen, Seventh Illinois; Privates George M. Pemberton, Third Missouri; Mark L. Kilbourne, Third Missouri; Charles Galtner, Third New York; John J. Goss (immune), Fourth Missouri; Cornelius Baumcister, Fourth Missouri; Marion P. Barrett, Fourth Missouri; John J. Breen (immune), Second division hospital; Burford McOrist, Second division hospital; William L. Tuten, Second division hospital; William L. Jenks, Second division hospital; Charles B. DeGroat, M. D. (immune), Second division hospital; Howard Burlingame, M. D., Second division hospital; William A. McCloskey, First division hospital; Charles Moore (immune), of Nice, Pa.; Thomas R. Kramer, Second Tennessee; James C. Burkett, Second division hospital; Edward Charles Read, Second division hospital; James H. Shaughnessy, Second division hospital.

The new furlough order which was issued yesterday and to the effect that no more furloughs shall be issued till the contemplated movement of the troops from here to Thoroughfare Gap shall have been completed, has grievously disappointed many of the boys who were contemplating the pleasure of spending the remainder of the "dog days" far from the heat and routine of camp. Many had their best clothes on and were overjoyed at the prospect of an early start for home when the chilling, disappointing news was received. However, the time will soon come.

A number of water filters were received this morning and are already being put to good use by the company cooks in purifying all the water which is needed for drinking purposes. The many friends of Private Christian Evans, of D, who had his abdomen accidentally pierced with a bayonet the day the regiment moved to Dunn Loring, will be glad to learn that he has improved very much. He was today discharged from the Second division hospital and got a sick leave of absence for thirty days.

Private John Hill, of E, who has been laid up for some time with a severe attack of rheumatism, has been discharged from the Fort Myer hospital as incurable.

At this writing nothing new had transpired in the case of Charles Horn, of Company G, Eighth Pennsylvania, who is now at division hospital suffering from appendicitis.

Private Henry Meinzer, of C, is now at First division hospital.

Private Bernard Berry, of H, was called home yesterday on account of the sudden illness of his father.

Privates Twinesbury and Franklin and Musician John F. Barnes, of G, returned home yesterday.

Private Blackwell of D, is now inside of the stockade, known as the guard house prison. Saturday evening while doing provost duty with his company at Merrifield, he failed to carry out his provost duty, and was arrested.

Private Karl Frank, of D, was yesterday discharged from the division hospital.

Privates Martin Howley and Karl Wymann have been indisposed for a few days. They will soon be doing duty again.

Private Surdam, of D, entertained Mrs. Towne, of Washington, and her friend, Miss Lewis, of Jersey City, yesterday afternoon.

Sergeants Daily and Hall, of A, went to church at Vienna yesterday morning, and enjoyed a palatable dinner there—at their own expense.

Sergeant Culver and Corporal Millet, of H, spent yesterday in visiting places of interest in and around Washington.

Private Edward Kelly, of C, makes a very successful color guard. Mr. Barneizer, depot agent at Dunn Loring, entertained Private Joseph Hodgson, of D, yesterday.

Quartermaster H. B. Cox and Dr. Blanchard left on furloughs today. Lieutenant Cox's place will be filled

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during his absence by Lieutenant Johnson, of A. Yesterday Captain Smith, of E, was officer of the day; Lieutenant Harrington, of G, officer of the guard; Peter F. Saltry, of H, sergeant of the guard; Harry F. Faatz, of E; Charles Van Souten, of G, and Anthony Myers, of F, corporals. Walter Hall, of G, was regimental orderly. Captain Fellows, of F, is officer of the day today; Lieutenant Dodge, of E, officer of the guard; Eugene Fellows, of F, sergeant of the guard; Fred Hiltnevault, of G, corporals.

ENGINEERS EN ROUTE.

Scranton Boys Are Off for Porto Rico on the Chester.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

On board barge on Hudson river, Aug. 5 (4.45 p. m.)—We now are off on our way to Porto Rico. The First Regiment U. S. Volunteer Engineers broke camp at Chester, Md., at 5.30 a. m. Tents and baggage were loaded during the day on a large lighter at Roanoke landing. At 2.30 p. m. the regiment was formed in battalions on the parade ground in heavy marching order and marched to Roanoke landing and boarded a large barge, which was towed down the river by the tug boat William H. Vanderbilt, at about six knots an hour, the start being made at 8 p. m.

The distance to New York by water is about forty-five miles, and the scenery is grand, but darkness prevented sighting a half hour from the start. The regiment is in first-class shape and starts off with the men in good health.

We arrived in New York harbor just before daybreak and were met just outside of Bedloe's island, on which is Bartholdi's statue, by the Chester, boarded the Chester at 6 a. m. Saturday, but were not assigned to quarters until about noon. Few of the men are writing, as there is no way of getting at writing materials, and as yet no way provided to mail letters.

The Chester is a large boat and has ample room to accommodate both men and baggage. Sailors and cheers are received from passing boats and tugs almost constantly.

A large number of the Scranton boys have asked me to mention them in The Tribune, and say that their friends that they are leaving with cheerful hearts, and hope to meet them on their return. It may be some time before letters are received by friends after they are left by the pilot boat. It is rumored that Chester will not start on her long journey before Sunday evening. It certainly looks that way now, as the Chester is not quite ready with the quarters for the men.

A breakfast of canned beans and hard tack is now being distributed. We have plenty of rations for the trip, but they cannot be unpacked just now. I am writing this with the expectation of getting it off on the first tug boat that comes near enough, but it may be late in the day before that will happen.

I have been assured that the following address will reach the regiment at Porto Rico:

Name ..... Company ..... First Regiment U. S. V. Engineers. Military Station No. .... U. S. A. Porto Rico. Via Washington.

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

"To help out the situation in the Ninth Colonel Dougherty today gave up his tent and had it added to the hospital. This gave room for ten more cots, but it was not long before every cot was filled. Colonel Dougherty now has two of the same kind of cots in his quarters. His action in giving up his comfortable tent for the use of the sick is highly commended by the boys in the regiment.

"The red tape of the army regulations has greatly interfered with the work of the hospital of the Ninth. If it were not for red tape the Ninth would today be able to have nearly all its worst cases in the hospital. The officers of the Ninth some time ago stored a room with the red tape, and boxes filled with various articles that they could not use here in the government storehouse at Chattanooga. Among the things stored by mistake was a large mess tent, the private property of Company E. When the difficulty arose about hospital room it was suggested that this tent be taken out of the warehouse and used for the hospital. Of course the officers thought all they would have to do would be to go to the storekeeper, prove their property, load it on the wagon and return to camp at once.

"On Monday morning a wagon and detail was sent to Chattanooga to get the tent. Captain Johnson was commissioned to purchase a lot of cots and mess delivered, but the party that went for the tent were not so successful. They were allowed to go through the warehouse and soon found the coveted tent. But when they wanted to take it they were told they could not have it without an order from Colonel Lee, the quartermaster at Lytle. This new Col. Lee was asked for the necessary order he turned the request down and said it would have to be done through the regular military channels.

"Colonel Dougherty and Major Weaver today made another attempt to get the tent. They called on Colonel Lee and laid all the facts before him and urged the necessity of taking care of the sick. It is said one objection made was that no private property should be used in the camps of the United States army. Here Dr. Weaver

spoke up and said: 'Colonel Lee, we have about seventy-five cots, brought with money sent to the regiment, shall we take these cots from the sick men and compel them to sleep on the ground?' To this the colonel could give no reply. Dr. Weaver made an eloquent appeal for the sick men and showed up the needs of the volunteer army, especially of the medical department. Here Colonel Lee spoke up indignantly and reminded Dr. Weaver that several surgeons had been called up for making similar remarks. Dr. Weaver at once answered: 'I don't care if they have; and, if necessary, I will defend what I have said all the way to Washington.' The conference did not bring the desired results, Lee insisting that the matter would have to go through the regular military channels. Thus the regiment's hands are tied and they will have to get along with such facilities as they have until some one cuts the tape. "Colonel Dougherty has telegraphed to Wilkes-Barre for Company D's mess tent and it is likely that it will arrive by express in a few days.

SPORTING NEWS.

A well known Scranton sporting man who recently returned from Buffalo says of the approaching Corbett-McCoy glove contest: "Ground has been broken for the new club-house of the Hawthorne Athletic club, which is now world famous on account of its success in securing the greatest boxing contest of the century—the McCoy-Corbett go-after all of the leading clubs of the country had bid against them and had been defeated.

"There has been considerable misunderstanding about the contest which takes place on the 10th of next month, and a history of the organization is interesting. A number of Buffalo sportsmen who are interested in the well-known Olympic Athletic club of Buffalo some months since decided to bring to Buffalo a contest between the best known of the heavy-weight division. They bid for McCoy and Choyanski, and their signing, which it is well known the jealousy of a New York manager of boxing showed itself, and he induced Choyanski to go back on his word.

"The management of the club then secured Corbett's signature by adding \$5,000 to the purse, or making it \$20,000 in all. Both bidders at once signed, and the first business-like pugilistic match of modern years was consummated.

"When it was found that the two stars were certain of signing, the management soon ascertained that the club house was much too small for the same, and under another name—the Hawthorne Athletic club—they procured another charter, and the handsome structure, holding 12,000 people, is now under way.

The contest will be purely one of skill and science, and will be attended by the largest crowd which ever saw an exhibition of this kind. Everyone who desires to witness the contest must make application for membership to G. W. Wilson, manager and secretary of the club, New Tift House, Buffalo, N. Y. The fee for membership in the club is 50 cents.

The match between Jim Judge, of this city, and Tom Williams has been made. They are to box 20 rounds at 145 pounds before the American sporting club August 25 in Music Hall. The contest will be for a decision. Word to this effect was received here yesterday from Jack Skeely, manager of the club. Williams ought to be one of the best drawing cards ever seen at a boxing contest. He is a champion of the division welterweight of Australia and has figured in over 200 contests. For some time he has conducted a boxing and wrestling school at Highbridge, Greater New York.

Judge now shows but little or no evidence of his bout with Dick Case a week ago. He has been in perfect trim, as far as his general physical condition is concerned, since the go and will today begin a systematic course of training for his coming engagement.

Bobby Dobbs has missed his match with George Kerwin, "The Chicago Mystery." Dobbs went from here to Buffalo last Wednesday night to close negotiations for meeting Kerwin before the Olympic club of this city. A telegram from Dobbs Saturday says that Kerwin refused to meet him. Dobbs will be in Scranton next week and help Judge in training for his meeting with Tom Williams on the 23d.

BARBERS ARE DETERMINED.

Shops Must Be Closed Sundays or Arrests Will Follow.

The barbers of the city who have undertaken to do no more Sunday shaving, and from all accounts, ninety-nine per cent. of them are so agreed, met again last night at Music hall and decided to prosecute violators of the Sunday law.

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