ORD EPISODE TALK OF THE CAMP

CHAPLAIN STAHL PROVES HIM-SELF A PRIME HUMORIST.

His Speech Conspicuous for Its Ex-cellence Among the Several That Were Made—Said He Was in Bad do it!" "I wouldn't do it!" Company Among a Chief of Police, Ex-Sheriff, Criminal Lawyer and a Detective-Rank and File Were in On the Whole Ceremony.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Camp Alger, Dunn Loring, Va., Aug 12,-Yesterday's sword and watch presentation are still the one general topic of conversation in camp among the boys of the Thirteenth. The members of the committee made quite an impression-and this is not to be wondered at when one takes time to form an idea of the generous avoirdupois of such men as John Stanton, ex-Sheriff Robinson, E. J. Fish, Moses Brown, Attorney George S. Horn, ex-Postmas ter Vandling, Emil Schimpff, Victor Koch and Detective John Moir, When they marched in fours up and down the company streets, even the slimest man in camp would have a hard

time to squeeze through. It was a happy day, not alone for Company C and its captain, but for the entire regiment, a fact which was distinctly shown by the large number of men who were present on that occasion. From being a special honor to Captain Robling it turned out a real Scranton day, and a jubilation for the whole regiment. It was a case of those at home remembering the ones who are far away, absent, but not forgotten by any means,

The orator for the occasion was well chosen. Mr. Horn, who is here attending his sick son, never fails to make his daily round of the Thirteenth, and the boys appreciate this. Yesterday Mr. Horn was on hand and the committee at once pressed him into service. They insisted on his making the presentation speech, which was as happy in spirit as it was spontaneous. His words struck the right chord, and left no doubt behind when he spoke of Captain Robling's worth as a man, a citizen, a police official and as a soldier of his country. Captain Robling, in accepting the sword with grateful thanks, was hardly permitted to speak and to thank his friends in Scranton for their splendid gift-the boys of his command spoke for him, and yelled themselves hoarse, which is the soldier's benediction, and at the same time his short and simple method of expressing his thankfulness.

COLONEL COURSEN SPEAKS.

Colonel Coursen was called up to say something, and expressed his delight that a member of the Thirteenth had been accorded such a substantial honor by the men who knew him best, by Scrantonians who were not alone in appreciating his merits.

The colonel's words were listened to attentively, and at the end three hearty cheers went up for him.

The speaker, however, who struck right straight at the hearts of the boys was the respected chaplain, Rev. N. F. Stahl. He was known to be a numorist when in Scranton, but the ginia seem to have increased his capacity in this direction. He believes, with Shakespeare, that "dreams go by contraries;" but even advances further ind is convinced that life itself goe by contraries. For nearly four months he has slept in a narrow bunk in a small tent, and felt himself "monarch of all he surveyed." The other evening he visited a reverend friend in Falls Church, slept in a wide bed and dreamed that he was suffocating in a dry goods box.

Last Sunday he preached at the Young Men's Christian association tent, and on his way thither he was stopped by two Virginia soldiers, who asked him if he "would not kindly get some beer for them." Two days later he was sitting in his tent when two other thirsty boys in blue came along and inquired if he "would not be good enough to procure some drink for them." If this kept on he would have to do one of two things—either he would have the colonel issue a general order notifying all men that the Thirteenth's chaplain is now the division bartender, or else he would ask Captain Robling with his new sword to stand before his tent to keep all those with a burning

thirst at a safe distance. Drifting into a more serious vein, the chaplain then gave the boys some good, manly advice. His words are rarely, if ever, unheeded. Chaplain Stahl is the living, never-failing, sure cure for the blues in the regiment. His tent is open to all, officer or private, and he has a fund of humorous stories which never runs dry. Few chaplains in the division are as well liked as he

SHERIFF ROBINSON, TOO. Sheriff Robinson's attempt to speak

was interrupted with a long yell-"What's the matter with the tobacco? It's all right!" It will be remembered that he sent a consignment of it to the boys a short time ago. He was followed by City Detective Moir, who said that his trip down here knocked all his eloquence sky high.

Corporal Lona Day made a neat speech, in which he thanked those who had remembered him so kindly. He prizes his gold watch and chain highly. On the inside of the case are in-scribed the words: "Presented to Corporal Lona Day by the Scranton Police Force, July 18, 1898."

The sword is one of the finest in camp—the blade of the best-tempered steel, the hilt plated with gold. On the sheath are cut the words: "Presented Captain Frank Robling by the Police Department of Scranton, Pa., June 21, 1898." With the sword is an appropriate gold, dress belt which is very stylish and valuable. Captain Robling prizes the gift highly.

Ex-Sheriff Robinson, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Schmpff, Mr. Koch and ex-Postmaster Vandling will, very likely, tell some strange unaccountable tales about old Virginia, but the "whole truth" is this: There lives a large species of spider here which bores into the ground some distance, leaving an opening of the diameter of the ordinary lead pencil. In addition to this, Privates Cunningham and Dunkerly have an cel about a foot in length. When the visitors showed a great interest in those peculiar holes in the ground, and inquired their cause, they were informed that a certain kind of fish lived there. To demonstrate the truth of this Messrs. Cunningham and Dunkerly began to bore the ground, and, concealing their eel, by a "now you see it; now you don't, Herman-like movement, drew the eel out of the earth. The visitors were thunderstruck and could simply exclaim-"strange country, Wonderful Virginia!"

David Feldman, the inimitable irrepressible humorist of C, had an enounter yesterday with Corporal Lona Day, of D. David had several times traded watches without inspection by either side and frequently came out 'second best." He is now the possessor of a time piece which has seen better days. After the ceremony yesterday he blandly approached Mr. Day,

IN BAD COMPANY.

Chaplain Stahl caused some laughter at the expense of some of the visitors when he remarked quietly that he seemed to have fallen into bad company-the chief of police, the city detective a criminal lawyer and a sheriff.

The band led by T. H. Miles rendered the following programme: "Gay Coney Island," Levi; "Grand Fan-(American airs); "Tone Airs tasia" from North and South," Bendix; "Chictm Brigade, Negro Medley." Johnson; "Charge of the Battalion March," Hall; "Our Colored Troops," Ramsdell.

Mr. Robinson gave Sergeant Miles \$20 for the band.

The ex-sheriff had an unpleasant experience here. A yellow jacket, an extremely poisonous insect, which infests this country, got inside of his spectacles and stung him in the left eye. It gave him some pain, but medical treatment by Major Keller helped him onsiderably.

This morning two colored men came to grief. They fell right into the lion's jaws. They drove two wagons, heavily laden, close to the Thirteenth's guard house, each wagon having on board a consignment of barrels sent from Washington and presumably addressed to some of the commissioned officers of the regiment. The matter was investigated and it was found that the officers named had given no orders for barrels or for anything else, and that the order was for some member of Company E. On close examination it was found that the consignment consisted of seven barrels of bottled beer and a box of whiskey. The guards at once held the negro up and relieved them of their trouble. The wagons them of their trouble. were unloaded at the guard house and the contents are now being watched by a vigilant guard. The beer and whiskey are confiscated temporarily, and the matter is being quietly inves-

Today a violent, almost tropical, rain storm deluges the country. Promptly at noon, with little previous warning the big drops, so well known here, be-gan to fall, and then the very skies seemed to burst and let down their contents. Camp is almost flooded, and the men are keeping close to their tents, many of which are leaky, and, therefore, uncomfortable.

CAMP GOSSIP.

Lieutenant Decker, of F, is officer of the day; Lieutenant Varcoe, of E, officer of the guard; E, C. Smith, of E. sergeant of the guard; William Newman, of F. Merritt Biddleman, of H, and Alvin B. Tingley, of G. corporals; Private Harry Guinn, of H, is reginental orderly.

Frank Malott, of B, went home last night on short furlough. He received a telegram notifying him that his lit-

tle daughter is sick. Private Alex Major, formerly cook at brigade headquarters, has been returned to his company.

Private John Stanton, of D. has been in Fort Meyer hospital for treatment for typhoid fever. He will get a thirty-day leave of absence on account of sickness.

Sergeant H. L. Dimmick, who went

on furlough to attend the funer al of his father, and Private Harry A. Smith, of A, returned from home last

Musician Haddon, of G, who received his discharge from the service because of physical disability, left for home to-

Privates Fred Luther, Arneld Axle Charles Sprandel, George Schlager and George Sackett, of C, returned to camp late last night. They all had a good

Private Harry Moore, of A. is slightly indisposed today. He is suffering from Henry Davis, the new cornet player,

received into the band, has made his application for enlistment in C Com-

Philosophers say that the lower animals cannot think. Then will some of them please explain how it is that a chicken in this country will run and fly for all it is worth whenever it lays its eyes on a slouch hat, blue coat and brass buttons?

Private George Davis, of A, was taken to Division hospital today on account of an attack of rheumatism. Conipany G is developing some ar-

tists with the gloves. Sergeant Clarence Seward, of D, returned from home last night. He was away on a seven-day furlough.

Richard J. Bourke.

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

High mass of requiem, says the Witkes-Barre Record, was read in St. Mary' church Thursday morning for Leonard Deegan, who died of typhoid fever at Chickamanga on Wednesday. Rev. Father Bustin was celebrant and many of the employes of Jonas Long's Sons' store attended the mass. Deegan was employed at the store when he enlisted to go to the front. He was held in high esteem by the members of the members of the firm and by every one of the large number of clerks at the store. The remains will be taken to Du-shore and the funeral will be held with a solemn mass of requiem, the pastor, Rev Father Enright, to be celebrant.

Following is from a Binghamton paper: "George H. Cowles, of Company H. a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cowles, of Eldridge street, has the honor of being the first Binghemton boy to start for Honolu'u. Cowles has had three promotions since he entered the service. First he was assistentered the service. First he was assistant cook, then cook, and now he is in the hospital corps, ranking a sergeant. Cowles is a trained nurse, was an attendant at the state hospital and has many friends here. This morning the parents of Mr. Cowles received a postal card from him reading as follows: "On board the ship Nelson, San Francisco, Aug. 8. Dear Mother, Father and all: Well, good-bye. We are just cutting it ose from the dock. Expect to be on the water eight or ten days. Will write you water eight or ten days. Will write you the first hour I am at Honolulu. The the first hour I am at Honolulu. The hospital corps has state rooms just like the officers, while the soldiers are packed n the hold like rats. Yours lovingly, G.

Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, Aug. II.—
The topic of chief interest yesterday at
the park was the establishment of two
new camps, one at Knoxville, Tenn., and
the other at Lexington, Ky. The Second
division, First corps, will march from
here to Knoxville and go into permanent
camp there. The division while there
will probably be supplied with forage by
Col. Lee from Camp Thomas. At Lexington there will be encamped the Third ilvision, First corps. The army there will ton there will be encamped the Third Il-vision, First corps. The army there will be supplied direct. The troops going to Knoxville will march overland a distunce of 112 miles. Lexington being more dis-tant, the division to go there will be transported. The Ninth is in the Third

SAILORS WHO RE-ENLIST.

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division and will go to Lexington, Ky The boys are very anxious for the mov and are awaiting orders with considera-ble impatience. It is suggested that the reason for the change is that the com-mand here is too large to be handled and cared for as it should be, granting even that it is in the hands of competent mili-tary n.en. Another cause is that much of the camp ground, by reason of long use by so many men, has become poisoned with disease germs and needs rest. The camp will not be broken up, but will be retained as one of the most important military camps in the country. Irving M. Gills, one of Binghamton's rave sons, who saw service in the block-

be Royal is the highest grade baking pow

ade of Cuban ports, says the Binghamton Herald, and who rendered harmless a torpedo by jumping into the sea and re-moving its war nose, (the details of the daring act were printed in the Herald) is visiting his father, Admiral Gillis at his summer home at Delhi. That he was to arrive Thursday night was announced and the citizens of Delhi very properly decided to give him some kind of a public reception. On account of rain this was estponed until Friday evening, when the band, Grand Army men, Young Ladies Novelty club and citizens generally, to the number of three or four hundred, went up to the admiral's residence. After music by the band, George A. Fisher made a very appropriate and patriotic speech, which was responded to briefly and very modestly by the young hero. Then the admiral, who is evidently and justly proud of his noble son, thanked the citizens for their visit, which he highly appreciated, and the company dispersed,

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Peace Upon Business. New York, Aug. 12,-R. G. Dun &

Co,'s Weekly Review of Trade will say tomorrow:

Prospects of peace have had a curious influence on business contracts, not quite explainable on common sense grounds. Nobody really feared disaster, or exhaustion of national resources. Yet orders unusual in number and size have been placed since Spain asked for peace. In some industries the gains have been large for about two weeks, while in some textile manufactures it has only begun to appear this week but it involves a considerable increase in the working force. Crop prospects are on the whole more encouraging.

Money markets show no sign of possible disturbance, securities are stronger and there is no harmful speculation in stocks or products. Rarely has the financial outlook been more nearly unclouded. While wheat is four cents higher for the week there is less doubt than a week ago that it will rule lower during the coming year. The price of corn has declined a shade for cash. price a sixteenth on Tuesday, but

dropped again the next day with th

official foreshadowing of a large yield. The iron and steel trade fully supports inferences drawn from recent events. The demand for steel is so heavy that some of the biggest concerns have been buying, one taking 40,000 tons, advancing the price at Pittsburg from \$14.50 to \$15.25, which was at last refused. Bessemer pig is steady and other pig there, and at eastern and western markets generally but rails have been advanced by eastern makers to \$18 per ton, the makers of structural beams have advanced the price \$1 per ton, and makers of merchant pipe have advanced the price five per cent., while platemakers are crowded to the point of refusing orders, both east and west, and bars are stronger, with many mills engaged for weeks ahead. Illustrating the demand are reports of orders for 30,000 car axles at Chicago, 30,000 tons of structural work there, and big orders at Philadelphia for east pipe, and 6,000 tons elsewhere. Eastern works now appear to be crowded to their utmost capacity, as the western have been for ome weeks. In the minor metals there

is heavy buying. The demand for woolen goods is now much better, although not yet extensive enough to warrant paying the prices issued for new wool. For the week failures have been 196

POISONED BY CANDY.

Mrs. Deane Dead and Several Friends

in the United States.

Are Ill. Wilmington, Del., Aug. 12.-Mrs. J Polk Deane, of Dover, is dead, and her sister, Mrs. Dunning, is seriously ill, the result of poisoning from eating candy. Mrs. Dunning is the wife of J. Preston Dunning, the well-known Associated Press correspondent now in Cuba, and both women are daughters of ex-Congressman John B. Penning-

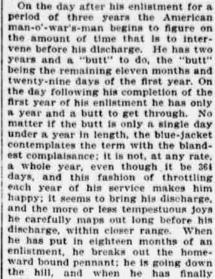
Tuesday evening a nephew, Harry Pennington, went to the postoffice, and, upon returning, brought to Mrs. Dunning a box of candies with which were handkerchief and a note, the latter inscribed: "For yourself and baby, with best regards."

The postmark on the letter was illegible so that it was impossible to tell where the package came from, but it is supposed by Mrs. Dunning to have been sent by a lady friend of hers, of San Francisco, whom she became acquainted with while living there.

After opening the box, Mrs. Dunning handed it to those sitting on the porch. Mrs. Deane and daughter. Harry Pennington, her own daughter, Miss Josephine Bateman, and Miss Ethel Millington, all of whom, as well as herself, partook of the candies.

No unpleasantness was felt by any of the party until after they had retired for the night, when Mrs. Deane was taken ill with a violent vomiting spell. Mrs. Dunning, later in the evening, was also taken ill with a similar Toward morning Mrs. Deane's daughter was taken sick in the same way, as were also the grandson, Miss Bateman and Miss Millington, but they soon recovered. Mrs. Deane died last night. Mrs. Dunning's condition s pronounced serious by her physic'an, with little hope of recovery. The candy remaining uneaten

Odd Ideas of the Jackies About Time and Life on Ship.



achieved two years and has only the

butt to accomplish joy fills his cup.

"Once a sailor, always a sailor," is not strictly true of men-o'-war's men of the American navy. Only about one-half of the men who complete one enlistment ship for another three-year cruise. But about nine-tenths of the men who put in two cruises settle down to a lifelong continuance in the service. Six years of navy life seem thoroughly to inoculate them with what the Germans call wanderlust. When a blue-jacket passes a few of his summers in the latitude of the North Cape and a couple of his winters down among the Bermudas or in the salubrious South Pacific, he is likely to acquire a dislike for the climate of the United States, and this dislike has more weight than anything else in forming his decision to remain in the navy. Moreover, after a few years in the navy the blue-jacket seems to be come possessed of the odd idea that he is really doing nothing aboard ship to earn his pay, that the perpetual scurry in which he is kept from all hands in the morning until pipe down at night is really not work, and with his quaint notion he also acquires an exceedingly exaggerated idea of the terrific amount of grinding labor a man has to perform in order to gain a livelihood ashore. Put to a blue-jacket who has put in a couple of naval cruises the direct question, "Are you going to ship over when your time is out?" and in Curious Influence of Prospects of nine cases of ten he will look you in the eye with an expression of stupefaction and enquire:

"What do you think I'm going to do

Overtime men being shipped back to this country on a man-of-war are not compelled to do any of the ship's work; they simply stand the military calls, eat their meals and smoke their pipes, watching the while with lazy happiness the daily round of labor of the less fortunate blue jackets attached as members of the crew of the ship on which they themselves are practicaly passengers. The overtime men occasionally emit arrogantly humorous directions to these temporary shipmates, the ship's company of the boat that is hauling them home, "G'wan now, an' shine up that bright work, ye long time swab!" they will shout to a deck hand when the officer of the deck is aft and out of hearing, and "Git down to your bunker, ye grimy flatfoot and rake your coal!" is the kind of thing the man of the black gang below hears from the passengers whenever he tries to smoke a peaceful gallant fa'c'stle.

One of the immemorial customs of the navy jacks is to secrete in the ditty bag of the discharged shipmate who is about to go ashore a can of corned heef, a few potatoes, and, perhaps, one or two other articles of sea food. This is done in order to remind the dis-charged man, when he opens his bag ashore, that 'n the opinion of his shipmates he will be unable to earn enough to eat on land, if he takes it into his head not to ship over, and that they have, therefore, taken a small measure to shield him from starvation with a little navy grub when he has "spent his pay day." Discharged men try all sorts of schemes to keep this stuff from being placed in their bags, but, nevertheless, they nearly always find it there when they get ashore.

GERMAN CLERKS.

Those for the Colonies Are Especially Educated for Their Work.

The San Francisco Report says the British are taking alarm at the success of foreign commercial clerks especially the Germans, in British houses, and the London City Parochial Foundation. the City of London College and the Technical Education Board of the County Council are combining in a scheme for the establishment of a higher commercial school which shall provide British clerks with the necessary equipment for modern conditions of commerce. In Germany they go so far as to educate young men for special fields of labor-as for example, Mexico and Japan.

According to the country in which they are to work, they are educated in languages, commercial practices and customs, and so forth, and their general education is made sound and one upon which they themselves can build additions should circumstances require Not nearly enough attention is paid to this sort of thing in the United States, and consequently the American com-mercial traveler or commission agent is often at a serious disadvantage when he goes abroad. It is one of the reasons why we do not control the trade of Central and South America, why we are not doing as well in Japan as we might, and will not do well in China. How many young Californians are learning Japanese in order to be better equipped for business in Japan by and by? Very few, if any. How many young Germans are? Crowds of them. We are not even trying to turn our exports in the Spanish-American trade. more practical the new College of Commerce may be in this direction, the more good it will do.

A CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE.

Mr Grow's Experience in the Blue Ridge Mouncains. From the Washington Star.

"On one ocasion," remarked the veteran statesman and oldest representative in congress, Galusha A. Grow, congressman-at-large from Pennsylva nia, "during the campaign previous to my coming to the house the last time. I was riding along a road through one of the remote valleys lying at the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains, when I came to a farm house, which looked as if it might afford a luscious drink of cold water from a fine well in the yard. A tidy-looking woman, not especially handsome or of superior intelligence, responded to my appeal and will play Buch and S. Thomson for the



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while I drank the cooling draught she talked to me. "'I presume there is no dearth of politics in your neighborhood at pres ent?" I said at a venture.
"'Yes,my husband and the boys ain't

talkin' much else these days.' "Doesn't it interest you?" "'No, I don't keer who gits elected so long as we can git along and keep

out of debt with a little to lay by fer the children. anybody, madam,' I said with a bow which made her blush in embarrass

"'It's the only kind I know, good e bad, she said apologetically "'Do you ever have any of the candidates up this way?' " 'Not right here, but they com-

down to the store half a mile across the valley." "'Do you ever see any of them? "'Not this year, but I have other

"Why not this year? Are you losing your interest in the great statesmen of Pennsylvania?" "'No, not that,' and she hesitated awkwardly, 'but they say there's a ongreseman-at-large this year, and I thought may be it would be safer fer

me to stay pretty close around home

till after 'lecton and they took him in,' FIRING SUGAR PLANTATIONS.

Phosphorus Used by Insurgents to Destroy Sugar Cane. From the Philadelphia Record.
Professor Marshall, who is head in-

structor of chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, in the course of a recent lecture on the action of phosphorus, read some extracts from a letter he had received from Cuba, which told of a novel use the insurgents had made of this chemical. In the summer of 1896 the writer of the letter had lived in a province where the raising of sugar was the principal industry. The crop was just ready for harvesting, when the Spanish soldiers took possestion of the district and proclaimed martial law. The fields throughout the dis trict were covered with ripe sugar cane, which is very inflammable.

Despite the presence of the soldiers he insurgents managed to fire several fields. The force of sentries were doubled but although the insurgents were seen the fires became more frequent. It was concluded that the firing was being done by strategy, and all suspicious characters were thereafter forced to give an account of themselves. An old farmer carrying a large

basket, who was in the habit of passing the lines regularly, was stopped several times, but nothing more suspicious than rolls of butter was found upon him, It was noticed, however, that the fires always followed in the wake of this farmer, and a spy was detailed to follow him one day. Unaware of his surveillance, the suspect stopped at a sugar field and threw several of his rolls of butter among the cane. He was at once arrested and confessed to the burning of the fields. It seems that each of these rolls of butter contained a quantity of phosphorus, which, as is well known,ignites spontaneously when exposed. The heat of the sun would melt the butter and expose the phosphorus. The length of time it took t melt the butter allowed the incendiary to get out of the neighborhood before the flames broke out.

Tennis Tourney.

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 12.-In the tennis ourney today Moorhead, of Pittsburg, beat Ewing, of Pittsburg, in singles, 6-1, 4-6, 13-11, 7-5; S. Thomson, of Altoona, beat Moorhead, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3, and took first prize in singles. Buch, of Altoona, beat Moor-head, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3, for second prize. In the championship doubles. Ewing and Edwards, of Pittsburg, heat Coster and Moorhead, of Pittsburg, 7-5, 7-5, 6-9. Buch and Coster will play temorrow for second

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championship in doubles and the Shep pard bowl. The tennis ball was given a the Logan House tonight.

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