

SWIMMING IN CREEK FORBIDDEN

THERE HAS BEEN AN ABUSE OF THE PRIVILEGE.

Report that the Thirteenth Will Be Retained in the Service is Not Credited—Lieutenant Dodge, of Company E, of Honesdale, Taken to a Hospital—He is Suffering From Fever—Issue of Bread to Company A Condemned by Captain Derman.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Sept. 5.—Swimming in the Sweet Arrow creek was positively forbidden to all soldiers this afternoon on account of certain abuse of the privilege. Under advice of Major General Graham the provost marshal enforced this order strictly.

The second battalion of the Thirteenth has been ordered to report for fatigue duty tomorrow morning at corps headquarters near Middletown. It is not known how long it will have to do duty there, but it is expected that it will be kept some time working around the depot.

The report of the Philadelphia papers this morning purporting to give the official lists of the regiments to be retained and stating that the Thirteenth would probably be one of those regiments, is not regarded here as authoritative. General Gobin is not in camp and neither Acting Private General Hoffman nor Colonel Coursen gives it credence. All is still in doubt. Lieutenant Dodge, of Company E, of Honesdale, was removed to a hospital in Harrisburg this evening. He is suffering from fever.

Captain R. S. Derman, of Company A, condemned the company's issue of bread today and ordered it to be thrown out as unfit for them. Private Thomas Coyle, of A, was removed this afternoon to division hospital. Private Fred Lauther, of the Thirteenth, in leaving for a thirty day furlough today, was ordered to report at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, on his return. This seems significant, but no one quite knows what it means.

ESTABLISHING ROUTINE.

Camp life here is beginning to assume the regular routine form. The first few days spent in a new camp are always hard and disagreeable; the supply of food is insufficient; water is very much needed; the men are almost overtasked to exhaustion with details for this and for that; and, to add to their troubles, the trip from place to place, and the sudden change in diet, in drinking water and in the air upset them for a short time. This has been the case with the troops now here. These are only the first impressions, which will undoubtedly correct themselves in a very short time.

Taken all in all, or considered from any particular standpoint, this place is far superior as a camping ground, to any locality which the men of the Second Army corps have yet seen. The climate is healthful; the air is pure and fresh; the water is good, and bathing facilities are near at hand; and the surrounding country and the nearby cities and prosperous town ought to be able to furnish camp with even more than the necessities of life. The supply abounds in all kinds of vegetables and fruits, which are sold quite reasonably. Permits have not yet been regularly issued, and, besides this, the boys are without money; but when the commissary mail is sent, they will have the full supply of meat, potatoes, bread, coffee and sugar, and when the milkmen and fruit sellers are authorized to enter the grounds and the boys have some money with which to buy occasionally what they consider delicacies, it is safe to predict that Camp Meade will become popular with every soldier here. It will be found that the men of this corps who, coming from every kind of climate, braved the rigors and the starvation of the great war weeks at Camp Alger, without a word of complaint, will feel thankful and happy for the change to Middletown.

GOBIN RAISES A STORM.

General Gobin arrived late Friday night from Dunn Loring and had not been around very long this morning till the conditions of the commissary department came to his ears. The serious complaints made by the Twelfth, the bitter feeling in the Eighth, General Gobin's own regiment, where the men in one company, on account of sheer starvation, circulated a petition, signed by all the men, stating their grievances and asking not to be retained in the service any longer, and the action of Company F, of the Thirteenth, which company went in a body to Colonel Coursen, asking for more food, all seemed to have been made known in some way to General Gobin, and upon arriving at brigade headquarters and finding no brigade commissary in operation, he demanded an explanation and wanted to know why the men are not receiving better treatment. The general was highly indignant and did not fail to express himself in strong language which could not easily have been misunderstood. Before leaving, he gave the commissary officials and the brigade staff to understand that such a state of affairs would be expected to be brought to an end forthwith.

EXPRESSED THEIR THANKS.

The members of Company A, of the Thirteenth, at a formal meeting for the purpose of expressing their gratitude to the "Pension Office Ladies Relief association" for their kindness in feeding the entire regiment at Washington last Wednesday evening, adopted a letter of thanks, which was sent to the ladies of the pension office.

LETTER FROM PORTO RICO.

Samuel Reynolds, a Factoryville Boy, Writes to His Parents. Porto Rico, Aug. 22, 1898. Dear parents and brother—I just received your letter dated Aug. 8, 1898, and was very glad to hear from you, and to learn that you were all well. The boat Mohawk landed us here about three weeks ago, and we are still here and alive after a battle. But I can assure you it is not very nice to go out in a field where you can hear the bullets whiz by you like so many flies. We only had the one scrap, and we

from a grateful, big-hearted people! Ladies of the pension department, we thank you most heartily, not only for what you did for us, but for what you are doing for all soldiers. It was such a pleasant surprise, and the luxury of being seated at so bountiful a repast, superintended by such noble and glorious women, implies to me that this is so good a token of our esteem and grateful thanks. We remain, very sincerely yours, (Signed) George L. Daley.

First Sergeant, Corporal Lewis B. Carter, Committee on Resolutions.

ORDERED PUBLICATION.

Besides sending this letter to Mrs. Saunders personally, publication of it was authorized in the Scranton Tribune and the Washington Post. The letter expresses concisely the sentiment of all, and the members of the Thirteenth will always have a warm regard for the ladies of the pension office.

This morning the lines around every regiment in this division were very tightly drawn and the soldier who now has the temerity to go any distance from his camp without a pass runs the chance of being gobbled up by the brigade sentries, or by patrols, which are extending their jurisdiction far and wide. No enlisted man may now go to the river for a swim without written permission. This precaution is rendered necessary in order to prevent depredation and destruction of property by heedless, hungry soldiers, and to secure the government from settling further claims.

Already some of the cabbage and corn fields and orchards have been entered. It is proposed to prevent this for the future as the fields here are yielding a rich harvest and will hereafter be fully protected.

Along the road to the Sweet Arrow creek, several suspicious bundles of feathers are noticeable, but all this has happened undoubtedly on account of the want of food since the division came here. When he is hungry a soldier's conscience is just about as elastic as that of any civilian. The men were starving and simply helped themselves to everything eatable which was in sight. In the Third brigade each regiment furnishes the guard on duty. The Thirteenth is doing duty today.

TOBACCO RECEIVED.

Friday night after supper the boys of the Thirteenth were made glad by the receipt and distribution of a large consignment of smoking and chewing tobacco and boxes of matches, the gift of the American Tobacco company. Tobacco is the soldier's greatest relief and especially now before pay day—when money is unusually scarce.

The songs and whistles of Steelton and Harrisburg are plainly audible here every morning and remind the members of the Thirteenth of home.

As noted in yesterday's letter, a corps color sergeant was needed and the honor of furnishing one fell to the Thirteenth. The color sergeant will be mounted and his whole duty will consist in carrying the corps ensign on all great occasions. The position, which is considered a sinecure and quite an honor, fell to Quartermaster Sergeant Robert Williams, of F, who was named by Colonel Coursen. Sergeant Williams is receiving the congratulations of his many friends in the regiment. He will report at once at corps headquarters for duty.

THREE DEATHS IN CAMP.

Many of the Soldiers Will Be Sent Home This Week.

Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Sept. 5.—Three deaths occurred today at Camp Meade. Private John N. Caffrey, Company G, Ninth Massachusetts, died in the Second division hospital of intestinal trouble, and Private Andrew Schreff, Company D, Fourth Missouri, and Private John Murray, Company G, Third Missouri, in the Red Cross hospital, of typhoid fever.

There are twenty-eight cases of fever in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania battalion contracted at Chickamauga and the hospital surgeons are unable to determine whether it is typhoid or malarial. The Sixth Pennsylvania were paid this afternoon. The companies of this regiment outside of Philadelphia will be sent home on a thirty-day furlough. The original State Fencibles battalion, which was attached to the regiment when it was mustered in at Mount Gretna, will be sent home to Philadelphia tomorrow. The Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Michigan started this morning for Island Lake and the Seventh Illinois, Third Missouri and Twenty-second Kansas expect to get away within the next forty-eight hours.

The One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Indiana received orders a week ago to be mustered out, but the colonel cannot get his papers in shape. Arrangements have been made by Major Richardson, keeper of the state arsenal, to supply the Pennsylvania troops with ice. Senator C. L. Magee has ordered a ton of ice daily for the Fourteenth and Eighteenth regiments. Colonel William A. Stone will supply the Twelfth; Colonel Ezra H. Ripple, of Scranton, the Thirteenth; Senator Quay, the Eighth and Sixteenth, and Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin, and the Terry Eyre, the Sixth.

Lieutenant Gray W. Morrison, Twenty-second Kansas, will be tried by court-martial Wednesday for alleged desertion of the graves of Confederate soldiers, near Thoroughfare Gap. Morrison will be defended by a Kansas lawyer, who is en route to camp. The court had under consideration today the case of Private Charles L. Kerr, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Indiana, against whom charges of insubordination have been preferred by Major Lowden.

BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Calvin Stark's Team of Valuable Horses Burned.

The barn of Calvin Stark, of Clark's Summit, was burned Sunday night. One of his children was playing in the building with matches. A lighted match was applied to the loft of hay, and the building burned quickly. Mr. Stark's valuable team of horses was lost in the fire.

DISFIGURED FOR LIFE

Our little girl's humor commenced with a tiny sore on her nostril, but it kept on spreading till she was unable to see with either eye. We tried everything we could get, but it kept getting larger all the time, till both nostrils, the upper lip, part of the lower lip, and up one side to the eye, were a solid sore. We thought there was no cure, and that she would be disfigured for life. Finally we tried CUTICURA. It cured her. We used CUTICURA Resolvent and nearly a box of CUTICURA (ointment), and in a short time she was entirely well, with not a trace of the humor left. Mrs. W. M. CHICHESTER, Plainville, Ct.

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were very tired when it ended, as we had marched all day when it commenced and lasted about three hours. The Spaniards fought good till we got our galling guns into use, and the artillery which they couldn't stand, and they broke and ran like white-heads. You can better believe that it made us feel good to see them run. We marched over a bridge that was charged with dynamite, but it failed to explode as we marched over it. I received three and a half Spanish dollars for a two-dollar bill, and gave one of them to Ziba Hinds and still have one dollar and twenty cents left. We are now encamped on a hill where the mud is six inches deep, and I can tell you it is no fun to lie down in this mud to sleep, and with a stone for a pillow. We haven't had any work to do since the battle, except to get wood and water and do guard duty. I was on guard yesterday from 11 a. m. to 1 a. m. Was guarding seven mules, one horse, two ox carts and a wagon. I was relieved at intervals of two hours, but there was not much chance to sleep or rest, as there were six in the tent that night and it was so crowded that one could hardly get your head inside the tent, not saying anything about lying down. Today I went down to draw a pair of shoes and the first thing heard was: "Hi company, get your mail." The first letter was for me, and you bet it did not take me long to get it. I sat down by the side of the road and devoured every bit of its contents, even the backs of the items that you enclosed.

We have plenty of thunder storms here as it rains everyday and is muddy all the time. You can better believe when we are discharged from service I will be home where I can sleep in a good, clean bed once more, and be introduced to a pair of springs once again. Porto Rico may be rich, etc., but it is no place for me. You have to nearly subsist upon the fruit, and it all gives me the cramps and I can not eat it much to protest as it is very nice, consisting of bananas, oranges, lemons and mangoes (the latter being something like an orange). The principal thing they raise here is coffee. Wherever one looks you can see coffee trees. Talk about Cuba for poor people, it is not as bad. I do not think, as Porto Rico, when we are eating here there are two beggars to every soldier. They all have a tomato can or a tin can of some kind, and will stand in front of one till they get what is left of it. There was a hard looking man with a straw hat on with no crown in it and his trousers rolled up to his knees that stood in front of our tent one day and looked so wretched that we divided up with him and it was a sight to see him eat. He went into the tent and was acted as if he was nearly starved to death. There is also a very few people here that are educated to some extent and know enough to salute you whenever they see you and can converse with you in English.

Private John Reynolds and I went across the country about two miles yesterday to get some sugar to eat on our hard-tack. We secured some sugar but lost our dinner by the trip. The sugar here is very brown and is not refined, tastes like molasses, and we stopped on our way after the sugar at a farmer's and asked for a drink, which he gave us along with some bananas and saltfish, but we could not eat the fish, but we met a boy with bananas which he sold us three for a cent. We purchased a cent's worth, and they were good, and which made our dinner, but I longed for a little of Pennsylvania's good milk to eat on them. You asked me the name of our captain, it is Mansfield. There were only two men killed in the battle and several wounded. Our company was right to the front, but our captain was very cool-headed. We lay under a hill, just at one side of our big guns, and when they went off they scared us more than it would have been hit. Not a man in our company was hit. I enclose you a piece of the Spanish flag and I wish you would give Frank Warren a piece of it. I think from reports that I will be home to eat Turkey with you on Thanksgiving Day, at least I hope so. They say that if we are discharged here to the island we will have to pay our own fare home, which will be pretty hard to do. I think I can do it if I do not owe the government too much for clothes. It is necessary for us to be in the service six months to get forty-eight dollars' worth of clothing. We have only been in two months and have twenty-four dollars charged up against us, and the Lord only knows what they will compel one to buy next. We expect to move camp into a near town about eight or nine miles from here soon, and then we will lie in the barracks, where it will be much better as we will all have bunk to sleep on.

FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE.

Jennings Case Will Come Up in Wilkes-Barre Tomorrow.

The hearing on the petition for a change of venue in the case of John Jennings against the Lehigh Valley Railroad company will take place tomorrow in Wilkes-Barre before Judge Woodward to whom the matter was certified by Judge Gunster on petition of the plaintiff.

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LABOR DAY IN SCRANTON

(Concluded from Page 3.)

Wilkes-Barre Coal company, in the most withering terms of contempt, and said that even the most intellectual of the miners and men of other branches of labor felt no revengeful over what they said was murder that they planned to burn the city of Hazleton. The speaker said that he and other heads dissuaded the men from their purpose.

JUSTICE TRAMPLED UPON.

Justice was trampled upon foot in the trial at Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Spaulding alleged. He said he referred to this and reviewed the Lattimore shooting in order to show the immense money power back of the coal companies and Sheriff Martin, a power that could have been overcome if the miners had been organized.

Lack of a sufficient organization to compel legislators to legislate as they are directed, makes a lie out of the statement that this is a representative form of government. "A bigger lie was never told," said Mr. Spaulding. "The government is controlled by the money represented in a radius of 500 feet about the United States treasury building in Wall street. Ours is a government controlled by monopolies."

The meeting closed at 3.45 o'clock but most of the crowd remained in the park until quite late in the afternoon.

In the evening there was a veritable jam in the park. Although the Scranton Railway company made use of all its extra cars and those that could be spared from regular service on other lines, the supply was insufficient. Each carload contained as many persons standing as were seated. There were more women and girls at the park during the afternoon and, as earlier in the day, the dancing and other attractions were very popular. The tennis quartette, of the West Side, were included in the programme.

Mr. Thomas made a brief address. He remarked upon the day's brilliant success, a token, he said, of the strides made by labor in Scranton. Mr. Thompson devoted much of his time to comment upon the recent determination of Scranton workmen and joiners to boycott all jobs on which foreign made material, material made in other cities, is used.

ATTORNEY CONROY'S TALK.

Attorney M. F. Conroy, of this city, was the first speaker. He said the elevation of labor began with the advent of our modern age. His mission was to give all people their rights, but especially the common people. Organized labor had during recent years performed a similar office, had strived to elevate and had elevated the laboring people.

Labor's work to be everlasting should not begin and end with itself. It should have to do with education, love, patriotism and humanity—all these because labor affects every interest of American humanity. That the humanity of this country is composed of many races, he said, but especially the common people. Organized labor had during recent years performed a similar office, had strived to elevate and had elevated the laboring people.

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