

THEY ARE DOING SOME SPECULATING

WHO WILL BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL OF THIRTEENTH

Fears Are Expressed That a Regular Army Officer Will Be Assigned to the Position—Captain Robling, of Company C, Is Acting Major and Major Stillwell Is Acting Lieutenant Colonel—Some of the Late Gossip of the Camp.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Oct. 14.—With the resignation of Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Mattes, speculation naturally turns to the question "Who will occupy the place vacated by him?" At present the answer to this is necessarily unsatisfactory in as far as it is so uncertain in its speculation that it is not possible to arrive at a definite conclusion. It is the unexpected which always happens, and in this respect the volunteer army is no exception.

The position of lieutenant colonel is, of course, a much coveted one, and it is not to be wondered at that some of the officers of the regiment are desirous of filling it, and that the rank and file would prefer to see it happen so. However, it is known that, under the regulations governing the volunteer army the general government may fill one staff position in each regiment with an officer of the regular United States army, and rumors are not wanting to the effect that this will be the case with the lieutenant colonelcy of the Thirteenth. There are many officers right on the ground who are efficient and capable of discharging all the duties of that position, and the regiment would lose nothing of its present prestige by having any one of them so near its head; but it remains to be seen if the choice will come from within the regiment itself.

STILLWELL IS IN LINE

If things were to take the usual and natural course, Major F. W. Stillwell, of the First battalion, would become lieutenant colonel, and his old position would in all probability be filled by Captain Frank Robling, of Company C. Whether Captain Robling would, however, accept the position, is not known definitely, and it will be remembered that his loyalty to his company and his deep interest in its welfare did not permit him several months ago when the regiment was about to enter the United States service to desert his command even for the higher honors of majorship. His company was then mostly composed of recruits and the officers newly elected, and now, though every man in his company would grieve to see him leave them and to be no longer able to address him by the familiar name of Captain, they are not so selfish as to wish him to refuse the position of major at a second time just for their sake. These are some of the possibilities, and, perhaps, probable, changes which may take place inside of a few days. If the regiment be not then joined by Adjutant L. T. Mattes and by Quartermaster H. B. Cox, those two positions would not be unlikely to become vacant, leaving Acting Adjutant David J. Davis and Acting Quartermaster Walter E. Gunster as the logical candidates, so to speak, for the respective positions which they are now filling with so much efficiency and credit to their own abilities. There is certainly no change in the air, and promotions for some officers and members of the Thirteenth are not far distant. Who the lucky ones will be time alone can tell.

RUNAWAYS RETURN

This afternoon Sergeant Lona B. Day and detail of four men returned to camp and brought with them eight prisoners who were supposed to have been in Scranton. Several of the boys who were either home or on the way thither, fled from the day of wrath, and, instead of waiting to be arrested, hid till they got a favorable opportunity to get out of town, and then headed for camp at a rate of speed which astonished even themselves. In this respect they showed no small amount of common sense and of business tact. Having been away for only a few days and returning apparently contrite and of their own free will, they received light sentences, but those offenders who were arrested will not get off so easily, and, besides their fines, will have to pay for the expenses and traveling of the detail of four men and sergeant to and from Scranton. There are some, of course, whose previous records in this respect are bad, and who, therefore, will receive an exemplary punishment. There are not a few of the less hardened runaways in the First battalion who are now thanking their lucky stars that, on their return, they found Captain Robling acting as major. The captain believes that "the quality of mercy is not strained," and always tempers justice with a liberal share of that finer, higher virtue. This fact, however, will not save some of the men from their due share of punishment—and these are the hardened offenders who always take a mile when they are given an inch.

BAND HONORED

The popularity of the Thirteenth's band has been demonstrated once more. The proprietor of the Hotel National, at Hummelstown, invited them out there last night to give an open-air concert and to partake of his hospitality. He sent a large band-wagon to camp for them, and they left from here at 6.30 o'clock, being accompanied by some of the officers and as many of the men as could obtain passes. A very elaborate programme was prepared and rendered in front of the hotel. The people of the town turned out in a body, and were delighted with the feast of melody which they had the opportunity of enjoying. The band returned late at night, speaking nothing but praise of the hospitality of the people of Hummelstown. They received very cordial treatment which there-a-while with which every member of the Thirteenth, who visits that place, has reason to fully agree. There is nothing too good in Hummelstown for the Pennsylvania soldiers.

Those members of the Scranton Blue school who are now wearing the blue of Uncle Sam in the Thirteenth, have been very generously remembered by their friends and classmates at home. There are eight pupils of that institution now in camp here—Corporal Edward Frear, of C; Corporals Richard Kelly and Charles Geary, of D; Privates Rowland Rice and J. Donald Hull, of A, and Corporals Charles Wiggley and Oliver F. Williams, of E. The girls of the high school recently sent them a 150-pound box of the choicest eatables, the boys of the school paying

the expressage. It is needless to say that their classmates here appreciate their kindness keenly, and also enjoyed the contents of the box as only hungry soldiers can.

CAMP GOSSIP

Private John Redmond and Chief Axel Arnold, of C, have returned from an extended sick furlough, and are now in excellent health.

Private Joseph Rink, of A, who has been sick for a few days, is now able to attend to duty again. Charles Drake, of Carbondale, has been visiting friends in camp for a few days.

Privates John Dix, Arthur Rockwell and James Shannon, of E, have returned from a thirty-day sick furlough. Corporal John J. Boyle and Privates Frank Croston, Thomas Hunter and R. E. H. Klubbak, of the same company, have gone home on a week's furlough. The two former will visit their parents in Honesdale; the latter in Carbondale.

Edward J. Kelly, of the hospital corps, has gone home on a sick furlough.

Private William Seville, of B company, is home on a seven-day furlough. First Sergeant James Rafter, of C, who was called home last week on account of the serious illness of his mother, has returned to camp.

Chief Musician Sergeant T. H. Miles left for home today on a short furlough. He was accompanied by his wife and baby daughter, who have been visiting him here for the past two weeks. Richard J. Bourke.

A STRANGE ROMANCE

Husband and Wife Reunited After a Separation of Nearly Forty Years.

In 1858 Samuel Gassaway, of Bloomsburg, was married and when the war broke out he enlisted in Company H, Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers. Since then he did not see his wife until the other day, when they were reunited. In the meantime each, believing the other dead, had married, the spouse of each had died and then almost by chance they met again a few days ago.

Gassaway was severely wounded in one of the first battles and for months lay between life and death and unable to send word to his wife. He had been reported killed and his wife moved from Bloomsburg to Williamsport in order to make a living for herself. Returning to Bloomsburg when discharged from the hospital, Gassaway found his wife gone and, despite a protracted search, could get no trace of her. He then moved to Van Wert, Ohio, where he married and had six children. The children, died in childhood and his wife dying a short time ago, he came east after living there thirty years.

GRAMMAR A PUPILS

Six Hundred of Them Examined in One Class at the High School.

All the pupils in Grammar A grade were examined yesterday, in the forenoon, in history and geography at their respective schools by their teachers, and in the afternoon at the high school under the direction of Superintendent Howell, assisted by the principles of this grade. Over six hundred pupils were examined. It was a stupendous task for one afternoon. The subjects of examination in the afternoon were grammar, arithmetic and spelling. Mr. Howell was assisted by J. E. O'Malley, H. L. Purdieck, D. A. Stone, Lizzie Mackey, Lizzie E. Penman, M. J. Ketrichek, D. W. Phillips, Professor Crutenden, Miss Stephenson, J. B. Hawker, Henry Kemmerling, Miss Clark and Miss Lillie Mackey.

FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT

Trespass Suit Instituted Against Piano Dealer E. E. Ricker.

Ward & Horn, acting for S. H. Klurko, of Honesdale, instituted a \$5,000 trespass suit yesterday against E. E. Ricker, piano dealer, of this city. The action is based on alleged false imprisonment.

Mr. Klurko bought a piano from Mr. Ricker on contract and after defaulting in his payments had the piano removed to Luzerne county. Mr. Ricker had him arrested on a charge of larceny and for this he now brings an action for damages.

The Spanish Flag

Fit emblem of the Spanish lances, whose flight is due to each vain-glorious fellow Who shouts of battles, but in the fight Shows, like his flag, a streak of yellow. —Judge.

Strong Today

Because Hood's Sarsaparilla Built Up His System

Child Was Weak, Had Night Sweats and Poor Appetite.

"Our youngest child was in a bad condition. One physician said the trouble was malaria and another thought it came from the stomach and liver. Meantime the child kept growing weaker. He had night sweats, poor appetite and various other troubles. We worried along for two years, and then we determined to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and from the first day we noticed a change in our little boy. We kept on until he had taken about three bottles. Today he is a strong, hearty child. We have always had to keep him indoors in winter, but last winter he was out with other children and we found no trace of the old troubles returning. ALFRED HANSENBERG, 70 Washington Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE REFUSED

WAR DEPARTMENT DID NOT GIVE ANY REASON.

The Requests Which Had Been Properly Endorsed Came Back Marked "Rejected by Order of Secretary of War"—Men of Two Hundred and First New York Are in a State of Semi-Mutiny—Say They Are Not Properly Treated.

By Associated Press.

Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Oct. 14.—The men in the Two Hundred and First New York regiment are in a state of semi-mutiny and threaten trouble if they are not given better treatment. They complain that they are not properly fed and that they were given nothing for dinner yesterday but meat and coffee. The men have had no bread for twenty-four hours, because there is nobody in the regiment who knows how to use the field ovens, and the chief commissary officers insist that each regiment must make the bread for its own use. The New Yorkers have not been paid since they reached here, the officers being afraid they will take "French leave" and go home to visit their friends.

A battalion from every regiment in the Second corps will be sent to Philadelphia to take part in the peace jubilee parade. General Graham has secured permission from the war department to move his command south at his pleasure. He is afraid of yellow fever, and will keep his troops in the north until he is driven out by the cold weather.

The engineer and signal corps and the Ninth Ohio colored battalion will also take part in the jubilee. General Graham will also attend with his staff and expect to have every division, brigade and regimental commander, with their staffs in line. The corps will be represented by twenty-one battalions and every band of music and drum corps in camp. The troops will start on the evening of Oct. 25 and return to camp two days later, after which the movement south will begin. Twenty-four sick were shipped today from the division hospital to Philadelphia.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

There was great disappointment today when a big batch of applications for honorable discharges from the service came back from the war department marked: "Rejected by order of secretary of war." All these applications were endorsed by regimental commanders and a majority of the applicants were either college students desiring to return to their studies or men of family. No further reason for the refusal of these applications were vouchsafed, and it looks as though the government intended shutting out charges except for the best of reasons. When Colonel Krebs, of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania, returns from a leave of absence he will relieve Colonel Schuyler, of the Two Hundred and Third New York, as temporary brigade commander.

Several Harrisburg liquor dealers have been doing a good business sending flasks of whiskey, etc., into the regimental camps, consigning them to trusted agents, to whom they allow a liberal commission. It is thought that the Second Tennessee men arrested last night obtained their whiskey in this manner and an investigation of this illegal practice is being made. Men have been seen going into the camps with suspicious-looking packages under their arms, and the majority of these are thought to come from Harrisburg.

STRUCK THE GUARD

Much excitement was created in Harrisburg today between a provost guard of the Two Hundred and Second New York regiment and a soldier who was asked to show his pass. The soldier who was accompanied by a civilian, when asked for his pass, struck the provost. The men moved on, but were soon halted again by the guard, who demanded the soldier to accompany him to the guard house. The soldier refused and there was a lively time. A large crowd soon gathered and the trouble was quieted by using policemen and several provost guard coming on the scene. The men were sent to jail.

Bates & Vance, of Harrisburg, were today awarded the contract to furnish potatoes, onions and provisions for the next thirty days for the soldiers in camp. There were sixteen bidders. Armour & Co. will furnish the meat, and the Buecher Baking company, of Columbia, the bread.

Private Wise, Twenty-second Kansas, has made a statement to Assistant Adjutant General Reichmann. He is under guard at the Fifth Massachusetts camp awaiting the finding of the court martial, which tried him for participation in the desecration of Confederate graves at Manassas, Va.

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Sunday afternoon his subject will be

"The Illegality of the Liquor Traffic and the People's Right to Get Rid of It." Sunday night he will have as his theme "The Man Who Sticks."

EXPENSIVE MINE FIRES

They Are the Bane of the Life of the Coal Operator.

The fire at the Ravine mine in Pittston has called attention to the many expensive mine fires that have occurred in this part of Pennsylvania.

One of the most stubborn and most expensive mine fires that ever occurred in this region is that in the Conyngham mine of the Delaware and Hudson in North Wilkes-Barre. A fire was discovered there July 18, 1891, but it existed for months before it was discovered. There had previously been an explosion of gas and that part of the mine was flooded and the water was being pumped out. To the surprise of every one another explosion occurred, showing that there was still fire in the mine. The work of pumping out the water was at once stopped and the mine was again filled with water, it reaching to a height of 346 feet vertically up the shaft. Then, as a further means of precaution to insure the extinguishing of the fire, the mine was sealed. The adjoining colliery is the Hollenback, owned by the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company.

At the close of 1891 the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre applied for an injunction, alleging that the barrier pillar of eighty feet between the Conyngham and Hollenback was not of sufficient thickness to keep that immense body of water from breaking into the Hollenback. Test bore holes were put through and the bores went in 90, 225 and 151 feet. Either the barrier pillar was thicker than supposed or the drills were spent by their own weight in going through and did not give an accurate measurement. The injunction was not granted. The Delaware and Hudson left the barrier stand until about one and a half years ago and then pumped it out again, which took about a year.

Last winter the workmen again noticed that the air was hotter than it should be and every indication pointed to the fact that the fire had not yet been extinguished, after three years of flooding. Several examinations were made and the air current was watched and the existence of combustion in the caved workings was shown. The flooding had left the mine in a deplorable condition, many of the pillars being gone. Mine officials decided to again flood the mine. This was done but it will be some time before work can be resumed. Thousands upon thousands of dollars have already been expended in efforts to extinguish this fire.

ABOUT CIGAR BOXES

Spanish Cedar Is the Best Wood, But It Comes from Cuba.

From the Washington Star.

"There are something like 14,000,000 cigar boxes used in the United States annually, and about nine-tenths of that number are made in this city, where the trade rivals the clothing industry in point of capital invested, and the number of people employed," said a leading cigar box manufacturer in New York to the writer yesterday. "The material out of which the best boxes are made comes principally from Cuba, and is known as spanish cedar. The recent war with Spain has shortened the supply and manufacturers insist that it spoils a fine cigar to put it in any box not made of genuine spanish cedar. The latter wood always retains the flavor of a good cigar. Indeed, some people claim that it improves the flavor. The reason given is that it grows in the same localities as the best Havana tobacco.

"Attempts made to use cedar grown in the United States for cigar boxes have not been very successful. The Florida and South American cedar containing a peculiar gum that melts when the wood is exposed to the heat of a store or house, and thus the labels and sometimes the cigars in a box are spoiled. Of course, the smokers of cheaper brands of cigars are less particular about the quality of the wood used for their boxes, and a veneered cedar, made from a peculiar sort of cedar that grows in Mexico, is often substituted for the spanish article. But it cannot be done without the cigar dealers finding it out, and the consequence is that even a good cigar when packed in such a box sells at a disadvantage.

CLARK'S GREEN

Mrs. Booz and daughter, of Stroudsburg, who have been visiting at Edinboro, Pa., returned to their home on Tuesday of this week.

Clarence Loder visited his mother here on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Elizabeth Keller, of the West Side, is the guest of her brother, A. I. Kerker.

W. P. Egan has been quite seriously threatened with a fever while being reported as improving, is far from being a well man yet. Much time and patience will be required before he has recovered his wonted health.

Melhorn M. Swallow had considerable damage done to the engine, which drives his steam thrasher by the loosening of the crank pin, which as a result drove the piston against the cylinder head with such force as to destroy it.

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