

PROGRESS OF WAR INQUIRY

Testimony As to Camp Conditions at Jacksonville.

GOOD REPORTS HEARD

Col. Louis M. Maus, Chief Surgeon, Criticizes the Volunteer Medical Officers—Reports of Sickness Exaggerated—No Difficulty in Obtaining Supplies—Latterly the Men Had More Rations Than They Could Eat—The Introduction of Typhoid.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 18.—The war investigating commission began the examination of witnesses at Jacksonville today, using the office room of General Dodge's private car for that purpose.

Colonel Louis M. Maus, chief surgeon of the Seventh army corps, was the first witness called. He is a regular army surgeon, and has occupied his present position practically from the time the camp was established here.

There was no suffering among the sick, but they did not have the luxuries at the beginning of the war that were given to them later.

DISREGARD OF EXPENSES. Replying to a question the doctor asserted that after the first few days there had been no difficulty about supplies and that all requisitions had been filled with exceptional promptitude.

Dr. Maus also found it difficult to prevail on surgeons in the volunteer regiments to learn the administrative duties of their positions.

SICK SOLDIERS RETURN. Eight Members of the 16th Pennsylvania Come on the Minnewaska.

New York, Oct. 18.—Eight sick soldiers belonging to the Sixteenth Pennsylvania, who were taken off the transport Minnewaska, when she arrived here last night, were taken to St. Francis hospital, Jersey City.

NOMINATIONS INVALID. Embody and Lauer Are Rejected by Judge McPherson.

Harrisburg, Oct. 18.—Judge McPherson today handed down an opinion declaring invalid the certificates of nomination of Edwin R. Embody, of Carbon, Democratic candidate for associate judge, and John E. Lauer, of Carbon, who claimed the Democratic nomination for congress in the Eleventh district.

Smithville Tragedy. Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 18.—Stephen Wolsey, a boy, aged 26, died at the Pittston hospital today of wounds received Sunday evening in a fight at Smithville. No arrests have yet been made.

THE SOCIETIES OF DEMOCRACY

MEETING OF THE FAITHFUL AT WILKES-BARRE.

CHAIRMAN GARMAN AND CANDIDATES

Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 18.—The Democratic societies of Pennsylvania met in convention here today. In the absence of President Black, Secretary Norman presided. The roll call showed a fair attendance.

BAPTIST SOCIETIES.

Meeting of the State Organization at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Oct. 18.—Over one hundred ministers are attending the anniversary of the State Baptist societies, the celebration of which opened last evening in the First Baptist church in this city.

UNITED WORKMEN. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Convened at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 18.—The grand lodge of Pennsylvania of the Ancient Order of United Workmen is holding its tenth annual convention in Elk hall, this city.

PEACE JUBILEE. The Naval Programme for Tuesday Has Been Arranged.

Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—Mayor Warlick and several members of the peace jubilee committee returned today from New York city, after conferring with Commodore Phillip on board the Texas.

Lexington Races. Lexington, Ky., Oct. 18.—The fall training meet of the Kentucky Training Horse Breeders' association closed this afternoon.

SIXTH REGIMENT HOME. Harrisburg, Oct. 18.—The Warren, Titusville and Ritzway companies of the Sixth Pennsylvania regiment passed through Harrisburg at 11 o'clock tonight en route to their home stations from Puerto Rico.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION. Interesting Reports Given at Reading.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 18.—The Women's Christian Temperance union state convention adjourned tonight. Mrs. A. P. Bruce, of Allegheny, reported on equal suffrage.

Northern Germany's Exports Hitther. Berlin, Oct. 18.—During the last quarter the northern half of Germany has exported to America \$11,273,800 of merchandise, an increase of \$1,948,553, compared with the same period of 1897.

Thirteen Drowned. London, Oct. 18.—A Norwegian vessel was wrecked on Salsburgh rocks near Leith, and thirteen persons were drowned.

NO DOUBT ABOUT THE CUBAN DEBT

ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES IS ASSURED.

AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS HAVE DECLINED TO ASSUME ANY PART OF THE CUBAN DEBT—THE ACTION TAKEN IS EVIDENCE THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CARE TO ASSUME PERMANENT CONTROL OVER THE ISLAND.

THE SITUATION CRITICAL.

Secretary Alger's Explanation of the Retention of Volunteers.

Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 18.—According to a letter received by the Rev. J. H. Larocch, of this city, from Secretary of War Alger, the condition of affairs in the Philippines is considered critical.

Michigan Arrives. The Transport Brings Bodies of Officers Killed.

New York, Oct. 18.—The transport Michigan arrived and anchored outside the bar tonight, as the high wind had disarranged the electric light connections with channel buoys and the lights were not burning.

TOADSTOOL VICTIMS. The Goldback Family's Fatal Fondness for the Slimy Fungus.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 18.—Mrs. Harriet Goldback and one of her children, aged members of the family of Harry Goldback, who were poisoned last night by eating toadstools for mushrooms, died at noon today.

WANTED IN JAPAN. James Flood, of Flood & Co., Arrested in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Oct. 18.—James Flood, senior partner of the firm of Flood & Co., dealers in grain, was arrested by Japanese police in San Francisco.

FOOD EXPERTS MEET. Convention of Dairy Commissioners at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Oct. 18.—The second annual convention of the association of State Dairy and Food commissioners opened in the supreme court chamber this afternoon with representatives from all parts of the country in attendance.

THE EMEROR OF CHINA. A Physician of the French Legation in Peking Visits Him.

Peking, Oct. 18.—The physician attached to the French legation here visited the emperor of China today for the purpose of making a medical examination of his majesty.

UNKNOWN BODIES. Ogdensburg, N. Y., Oct. 18.—Coroner Brown has the bodies of two men apparently 30 and 45 years old, at McGill's morgue awaiting identification.

Five Regulars Shot. A Riot in a Saloon at Newport News.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 18.—A riot occurred at a saloon in Phoebus late tonight. Five regulars from Fort Monrue were shot, one being killed and another badly wounded.

Seven Mussulmans Hanged. Candia, Island of Crete, Oct. 18.—Seven Mussulmans, who were tried and convicted of the murder of British soldiers during the recent outbreak here, were hanged today.

Mohegan Victims Buried. Fairmount, England, Oct. 18.—After a simple service at the parish church here today, the remains of sixteen victims of the Mohegan disaster were buried in a large pit in the church yard.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Oct. 18.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original-Barnet Mission, Scranton, Pa.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

OLD GLORY AT PORTO RICO

Stars and Stripes Are Raised Over San-Juan.

THE CEREMONY DIGNIFIED

Promptly at Noon the Flag Is Raised on the Public Buildings and While the Bands Play the "Star Spangled Banner"—Admiral Schley, Generals Gordon, Brooke and Others Take Part in the Ceremonies—The Banner Cheered by the Crowds—The Proceeding Unmarked by Disorder or Accident.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Oct. 18.—Promptly at noon today the American flag was raised over San Juan. The ceremony was quiet and dignified, unmarked by disorder of any kind.

THE CROWDS CHEERED. All heads were bared and the crowds cheered. Fort Morro, Fort San Cristobal and the United States revenue cutter Manning, lying in the harbor, fired 21 guns each.

CONGRATULATIONS AND HANDSHAKING. Among the American officers followed English King and Stars and Stripes on the various public buildings were hoisted by military officers. Simultaneously with the raising of the flag over the capitan general's palace many others were hoisted in different parts of the city.

OFF FOR MANILA. The Transport Senator Sails With 800 Soldiers Aboard.

San Francisco, Oct. 18.—The steamship Senator has sailed for Manila with 800 soldiers aboard.

RIGHTS OF CITIZENS. Judge Hammond's Decision in Case of Wire Drawers.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 18.—Judge Hammond, of the United States circuit court, granted the application of the American Steel and Wire company for an injunction against the striking wire drawers today.

Tannery Closed. Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—Executions for \$23,000 were halted today against A. Greutzinger & Sons, the large tannery firm, and they were closed by the sheriff.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Oct. 18.—Forecast: For Wednesday: For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy; showers followed by fair; high east to southeast winds; fair; western Pennsylvania: Fair in the afternoon; showers in the evening; high east to southeast winds; fair; western Pennsylvania: Fair in the afternoon; showers in the evening; high east to southeast winds; fair.