

SOLDIERS ON STRIKE FOR MORE RATIONS

FIRST RHODE ISLAND REGIMENT MAKE VIGOROUS KICK.

Laid Down Their Arms and Refused to Soldier Any Longer on the Rations They Were Receiving—Two Men to a Tent Hereafter—Tent Takes Fire While the Regiment Is on the Drill Field and Is Totally Destroyed with Much of Its Contents—Some of the Camp Gossip.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Nov. 1.—While, no doubt, a little distressing to individuals, it is perhaps a good sign for the Second Army Corps in general that the men are complaining always of being hungry and say they do not receive enough to eat. This morning four companies in the First Rhode Island, whose "daily bread" for the past week had rivalled in meagerness the fare of any ascetic, laid down their arms and positively refused to drill, or to work on the rations which they had been receiving. Their complaints were found to be not unfounded. Though nothing like this has as yet happened nearer home still the members of the Thirtieth feel about themselves individually that "lean and hungry look" which yearns for a more liberal allowance.

NEW TENTS.

Good things come slowly, but it is better late than not at all. Several months ago the regimental quartermaster, Lieutenant H. B. Cox, made the round of the company streets three or four times, and inspected and condemned those tents which were unfit for use. It was also understood then, and, in fact, all during the excessively hot weather, that the ordinary tent, 12x8x7 feet, was not only inconvenient for the accommodation of three, four, and in some cases, five men, but dangerous for the reason that, when crowded like a tenement house, it would offer a fruitful field for the development of disease germs. Many attempts were made to remedy the evil, but to accomplish this effectively was not possible, as the tentage supplies were insufficient. The idea, however, must have been lost sight of, as the following order, recently issued from corps headquarters shows:

"Regimental Independent Battalion, and company commanders will immediately make requisition upon the chief quartermaster of the corps for common tents, sufficient, with tentage they now have, to allow one tent for every ten enlisted men of the strength of their commands."

This order will be welcomed even at

Isaac Long

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In the good old days when torture was employed to loosen the tongues of stubborn witnesses, water was sometimes allowed to fall, drop by drop, upon the victim's forehead. After a short time, the pain passed all endurance, and the witness was willing to tell all he knew; perhaps more. A memory of this barbarity still lingers in our word gout, which is of French origin and means, literally, a drop. Certainly the agony of the disease is comparable with that of the old torture.

At this late date, as it will be a decided change for the better. The several regiments of the corps were mustered yesterday morning. This ceremony, it will be remembered, chiefly consists of certifying the rolls on the strength of which money is appropriated for the payment of the men, and for this reason it is a very interesting one. The Thirtieth was mustered promptly at 8 o'clock. The companies were first marched in review past Colonel Courten and staff who, when the regiment was again in columns of companies, closely inspected the men, inquired about their equipments and morale, Muster proper then took place, Majors Wood and Fellows going through their respective battalions.

TENT ABLAZE.

Yesterday morning while the regiment was being mustered on the field a tent in Company I's street was seen to be in a blaze. It was the domicile of Privates James Atkinson, John Harman and James Conway, and was popularly known as the "Conway House." The moment the fire was noticed, a detail of men left the ranks and ran with all possible speed. The most they could do was to prevent the blaze from spreading to the nearby tents, and to save what property they could. As it was, very little was saved, and belts, blouses, overcoats and capes, underclothes, blankets and towels were destroyed—in all amounting to about \$72, a loss which must be sustained by the men themselves. They have, on that account, the sympathy of the members of the regiment.

When the three tentmates left their quarters they placed a pan of charcoal inside so as to keep the place warm, and it is supposed that the wind must have blown a spark from the pan onto some of the clothes, thereby causing the fire.

Captain Harry P. Decker, of F, has been granted a five-day leave of absence.

Corporal William Wright, of Company H, is confined to quarters with a slight attack of sickness.

Quartermaster Sergeant Jacob Kelper and Private Harry Colony, of B, have returned to their company after an extended absence on sick furlough.

The return of Sergeant Kelper retires Corporal Gaines, who, as acting quartermaster, gave so much satisfaction to the members of the company.

Sergeant Lona R. Day, of D, yesterday entertained in camp his friend, William Enos.

Private Jacob Boeth, of A, who was today discharged from Division Hospital, will leave tomorrow for home on a thirty-day furlough.

Sergeant Major William McCulloch leaves today on a short furlough. During his absence, his place will be filled by Sergeant Ray Smith, of C Company.

Private Delaney, of D, is rejoicing in the luxury of two heavy quilts, the present of friends at home.

Mr. Williams, of the North End, is the guest of his brother-in-law, Private Fred Phillips, of H company.

Richard J. Bourke, GENERAL GRAHAM TO RETIRE. Will Be Relieved by General Lawton About Dec. 1. By Associated Press. Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Nov. 1.—It is not known here when General Henry W. Lawton will relieve General Graham of command of the Second corps. General Graham may retire any time after Nov. 30, and it is thought he will remain with his command until the troops are located in the new camps in the south. He will hold a series of reviews here before the corps leaves. Detachments from each of the three divisions started this morning for the new camps to get them in shape for the rest of the troops.

Summersville, S. C., Fourteenth Pennsylvania. Governor Hastings has appointed Arthur E. Nicholson, of Allegheny county, second lieutenant of Company B, Fourteenth Pennsylvania.

An election was held in the Two Hundred and Second New York regiment today for state and district offices. The Two Hundred and First will vote tomorrow, and the Two Hundred and Third on Thursday. Polls were opened at 8 o'clock this morning in the Two Hundred and Second's camp and four inspectors chosen by each company to conduct the election. Major G. W. Hobbs, representing the New York secretary of state, has supplied each company with poll books and ballots. The ballots contain all the headings that any soldier may require, although he must paste or write the names of the candidates.

An official list of all the candidates has been posted by Major Hobbs in a conspicuous place in each regimental camp. After the polls close the ballots will be sealed and sent to the secretary of state at Albany. He will, in turn, transmit them to the county clerks of the various districts, represented by the soldiers. These clerks will send the ballots to the district inspectors to be included in the return of the several districts.

Twenty-four patients were shipped from the field hospitals today to Baltimore. The hospitals of that city have offered to receive the sick soldiers, and hereafter all the sick will be sent there. The Philadelphia hospitals are crowded and for the present can accommodate no more soldier patients. A special train will be sent to camp tomorrow to take to Philadelphia the Red Cross surgeons and nurses.

A. B. and O. Denial.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad is not going to adopt the Raub locomotive for service between New York and Washington, as has been stated in an item which has been going the rounds of the papers for the last month. After the polls close the ballots will be sealed and sent to the secretary of state at Albany. He will, in turn, transmit them to the county clerks of the various districts, represented by the soldiers. These clerks will send the ballots to the district inspectors to be included in the return of the several districts.

These locomotives have 75-inch drivers and since they have been in service have proved so eminently satisfactory that nothing better can probably be secured. It will be remembered that one of these magnificent new locomotives, the one called Vice President-Elect Hobart on March 2, 1898, from Philadelphia to Washington in 136 minutes, a distance of 155 miles, and made one five-minute stop. They frequently run 25 miles an hour with six and eight cars, so the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is under no necessity of changing its type of passenger motive power on the Royal Blue line, and experiment with a locomotive whose usefulness has yet to be demonstrated.

Pennsylvania Dividend. Philadelphia, Nov. 1.—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad company today declared its regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 cents per share. It is the lowest price ever known that the earnings of the company have been in excess of this sum, but as was generally anticipated in financial circles the board adhered to its conservative policy in declaring the regular 2 1/2 per cent.

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