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ORDER TO LIMIT ABSENCES TO DEC. 31 COMES TO NAUGHT.

No Necessity Seems to Exist for Following the Precepts of a Former Order—Private James Williams, of Company C, Gets an Honorable Discharge on Account of Physical Disability—Boys Are Anxious to Get Possession of the Krag-Jorgensens, But They Still Carry the Old Type of Rifle.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Jan. 9.—The elaborate order published some time ago from corps headquarters to the effect that no furloughs should be given which would terminate later than the 31st of December, has come to naught. At that time, it was expected that a movement was in immediate contemplation. Therefore rendering it necessary to have all available men present for duty; that for some reason or other, this necessity no longer exists, is evident from the fact that furloughs are again being issued. This is decidedly puzzling, and the boys are very much inclined to ask themselves "where they are at."

Private James Williams, of Company C, has received an honorable discharge from the service of the United States, and left for his home in Scranton Friday. Private Williams' affiliation with the regiment has been ended under circumstances which are very much regretted by his friends. He came to camp with the second quota of volunteers, and was sworn in at Camp Alger, Virginia, on the 11th of last June with several other recruits. He was then in fine physical health, but soon after the regiment had moved to Dunn Loring, he was taken sick. About the middle of August he was, with many other patients, taken to the hospital, and placed in the Medico-Chirurgical hospital for treatment.

By this time a severe case of typhoid fever had developed, and the patient had quite a narrow escape. He recovered, however, but during the height of the fever, the drum of his left ear became perforated and was practically destroyed. The right ear also was slightly damaged. As a result, his discharge from the service was recommended, and, after having gone through the usual routine, it was received this morning.

Private Williams' acquaintances in camp and especially his many friends in C company, sincerely regret the cause which has separated him from them, and wished him every success when he was leaving today. Private Williams lives with his parents on Cedar avenue, South Side.

RETURN FROM SICK LEAVE.

Private Martin Howley and John Malia, of C, have returned to camp after an extended absence on sick furlough. Both were typhoid patients, the former having been taken sick at Camp Alger in the early part of August, and the latter at Camp Meade near the end of September. Private Howley was first placed in the Division Hospital, and removed to Philadelphia later on. For a time his case was desperate. Private Malia was removed from the Division Hospital, Camp Meade, to the Germantown hospital, Philadelphia. Both received a warm welcome on their return, and are delighted with the climate of this region.

Acting Assistant Surgeon F. M. Green, of the United States army, has been appointed to succeed Major Woodbridge, to make the physical examinations of men of this Brigade who have been discharged from the service.

Thursday morning the order was published in every company street to the effect that the men should at once clean and oil the old Springfield, retaining the gun slugs for the new rifle, and then hold themselves in readiness to be marched to the arsenal to deposit there the antiquated "blowing iron" with which they have been equipped up to the present time. It was naturally expected that the transition from the old to the new style would take place at once, but the boys have been disappointed and will likely have to wait several days yet before anything is done in this matter. Quartermaster Cox is awaiting instructions from the higher authorities, and until word is received from that source, nothing will be done.

BOYS ARE ANXIOUS.

In the meantime, the boys are suffering grievously from curiosity unsatisfied. They all are most anxious to get the Krag-Jorgensens—or "Jack Robinsons," as they are more familiarly called—in order to see what they look like and how they act. These momentous questions are discussed at mess, in the tents, on the streets, at drills—everywhere and at all times—and it is always possible to see groups of the boys loitering around the commissary, and even sitting upon the coffin-like boxes which contain the rifles, discussing the very important topic.

Corporal Allison Thornton claims the honor of being the champion "yard-master" of the Company. He says he owes his facility and vast experience in this capacity to the thoughtful kindness (?) of First Sergeant Butler. To keep track of the number of pumps spread around camp in the course of a day would puzzle the greatest mathematical genius of the age; and the most startling thing of all is, that the secretary of war seems to send a private telegraphic message to each one in particular. A vigilance committee has been formed in self defense, and the next man caught in the act of spreading a rumor will be socially ostracized.

Privates Leo Murphy, of D, and Robert Lloyd, of H, are orderlies today. This is the ninth orderly which company H has had to date. Company A coming next with eight. The boys of H feel very proud—and justly so—of this record.

Some of the more energetic spirits of

are organizing a basket ball team among the members of that company. Tuesday evening the members of the Episcopal church of Augusta gave a reception to the soldiers of this camp, and afterwards furnished refreshments in the vestry. There were present from the Thirteenth First Sergeant Thomas Parry, of H, and Sergeant Franklin M. Gardner, of G, both of whom report having spent a very pleasant evening.

STUDYING SPANISH. With the expectation of going to Cuba in the near future, Acting Company Clerk Harry R. Edwards, of E, is earnestly wading through the Berlitz and the Ollendorf's "method as to hablar y de escribir español." He can already pronounce the significant word "senorita" with almost Castilian grace and sweetness.

George Daly has resumed his post as first sergeant of A company, thus retiring Sergeant Morris to active duty after having, for several months, filled that position with much success. Private V. H. Tighe, of G, who has been a patient in the regimental hospital for several days, is now improving rapidly. Though not yet off the sick list, he is able to walk around.

Nearly all the holiday decorations have been removed from the company streets, and everything around the camp looks as prosaic as ever.

Private Charles Schlager, of C, is the recipient of a fine merschaum pipe with amber mouthpiece, sent to him by a friend in Scranton. Private J. Donald Hull has been once more installed as chief of Company A, and the boys are accordingly glad. Quartermaster Sergeant Isaac Brown has put a window in his tent, and, while seated comfortably, can take in the entire drill and parade grounds.

First Sergeant George E. Downey, of F, has his desk ornamented with a beautiful porcelaine, the gift of Augusta friends.

Private Andrew Mitchell, of A, is temporarily acting as regiment clerk. Corporal Robert Armstrong, of B, who was disabled for a time by reason of a sprain of the muscles of the right foot, is once more able to attend to duty.

Mrs. William G. Smith, of Augusta, gave a reception last evening. There were present from the Thirteenth Major Wood, Captain Smith, of E; Captain Decker, of F; Lieutenant Huff, of H, and Mrs. Huff, Sergeant Harold Gillespie, Privates Edward J. Kelly, and John Stanton, of the hospital corps.

Private Everett Kramer, of B, is slightly indisposed.

Richard J. Bourke.

PITTSBURGH NEWS

Funeral of the Late Clara Collier.

Several Accidents, and Other Local News.

The last sad rites of the church were said yesterday morning when the funeral of the late Miss Clara Collier took place from St. John's church on Broad street, and a large gathering of friends were present to pay a last token of respect.

The solemn requiem mass was sung by the Rev. Lavelle and the sermon which followed, was a eulogy on the excellent life of the deceased. The choir then sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and the remains were borne to the hearse and thence to the Market street cemetery, where interment took place, preceded by the Blessed Virgin Sodality, of which the deceased was a member. The following were the pallbearers: John McHale, Michael Berry, James Whalen, Frank Lavin, Thomas English, Jr., and Martin Heaton. The flowers, beautiful and elaborate in design and tokens of affection from friends, were carried by the Misses Nellie Long, Alice O'Neill, Alice McHale, Jennie Morrow, Anna Sharps and Annie O'Brien.

A 4-year-old child of Robert Smiles, of the West Side, sustained a fracture of the arm yesterday by falling from a sled, while coasting.

The ice, which began to move a few days ago on the Susquehanna became blocked again yesterday in the vicinity of Nanticoke, and in this vicinity the congested article is piled up and gorged for miles and down the valley. Rev. C. C. Cook, of Brooklyn, organized a Bible class yesterday afternoon in the lecture room of the Young Men's Christian association and there was present a large and encouraging attendance.

Dr. C. A. Donovan, who two weeks ago came to this city for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures to young men and who on his arrival became a victim of the grip, is convalescent. He has been under the care of Secretary Davis of the Young Men's Christian association, and family, at his home.

W. F. Howell, of Elizabeth street, is dangerously ill at his home.

A little daughter of Thomas W. Evans, who resides on the Coxton farm, fell upon a broken doll yesterday and severed an artery in her wrist and be-

fore the arrival of the physician, Dr. Underwood, who was called, the little victim was bled to death. It is thought that she may yet recover.

J. H. Mulker, of the West Side, yesterday disposed of his grocery business to J. P. Delehanty.

The coming marriage of Daniel McGeaghan and Miss Mary Brann, also James Lyons and Miss Mary Bure, were announced from the altar in St. John's church on Sunday.

Prof. Shiel, of our public schools, was able to be out yesterday, after a week's illness with the prevailing epidemic.

The Butler Hill schools, of which the late Miss Clara Collier had been a teacher for several years, were closed yesterday in respect to her memory.

The Tommy Shearer repertoire company commenced a week's engagement at Music hall last evening, and the large audience that witnessed "The Sins of a Great City" was very much interested in the play and its performers. There is some excellent talent in this company, and last night assured those present of this fact.

George Mitchell and F. E. Nettleton, of Scranton, were among those who were registered at the Eagle hotel last evening.

John Nicol, a former resident of this place, but now of Jersey City, is visiting his former home.

W. S. Callahan, of Scranton, has accepted a position with a wholesale firm in this city. He has good business qualifications, and his numerous friends are glad he will locate here.

WIRE COMBINE.

Announcement of a Deal Which Will Give the American Company the Monopoly of the Business.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—The Post today says: Official announcement has been made of the completion of a deal which will give the American Steel and Wire company a practical monopoly of the wire business of the country. Already controlling fourteen large plants it has conducted negotiations for the purchase of twelve more.

The most important of the independent companies which are about to pass into the control of the big combination is the Washburn and Moes with a capacity of \$4,000,000. The price paid for the stock of the Washburn & Moes company is understood to have been in the neighborhood of \$500 a share.

The agreement which has been entered into provides for a reorganization of the American Steel and Wire company with a capital stock of \$30,000,000. The present capital is \$24,000,000. Of the new stock \$10,000,000 will be cumulative preferred and \$20,000,000 common. It is stated that a syndicate has been formed which will furnish the necessary capital for the purchase of the new plants and in addition they will provide \$12,000,000 of working capital of the concerns which will enter the new competition. The entire amount to be furnished by the syndicate is \$28,000,000. Stockholders in the present American Steel and Wire company will be entitled to exchange their securities for those of the new company on the following basis:

The holders of preferred stock will receive 100 per cent. in the new preferred and 60 per cent. in the new common stock and the holders of common stock will receive 120 per cent. in new common stock.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 9.—As a result of the completion of the so-called "wire combine" an advance of \$2 per ton for wire and wire nails was announced here today. It is impossible to buy wire rods and in addition the rest of the country, the "combine" having absorbed all the rod mills.

ROBBERS AT WORK.

They Relieve Nine Men of Valuables at Fort Scott.

Fort Scott, Kas., Jan. 9.—Two masked men early this morning captured a policeman, took him into the street, bound and gagged him and then held up and robbed nine men in the Cottage house and the Sayres house, two hotels on prominent business streets. Alfred Meade, an engineer on the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, one of the victims, was shot by one of the robbers, and George H. Young, a colored man, was mistaken for one of the robbers and shot. Several hours after the robbery the police identified the bandits as they boarded the St. Louis bound M. K. & T. passenger train and had a pitched battle with them, but they got away.

ALMANACS FOR 1899.

Williamsport Sun. The Williamsport Sun Almanac for 1899 is a creditable publication, containing carefully compiled facts and figures, and general information calculated to make it valuable as a reference book through the entire year.

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Chicago News Almanac.

Few years of American history are replete with so many momentous events as have been crowded into 1898, and all of them have been handled in The Daily News Almanac for 1899 with a conscientious regard for both truth and their importance. A cursory glance at the table of contents shows the volume to contain a fair and concise account of the Spanish-American war, with valuable articles on the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, Cuba and the Ladrones. The whole subject of the annexation of Hawaii, supplemented by a description of the agricultural, mineral and industrial value of the islands, is given the importance it deserves. The movements for the dismemberment of China and Africa are among the foreign subjects that add interest to the pages of the volume, while the Jewish movement toward Palestine is given a place that will be appreciated by others than the Zionists themselves. The romance of the Titanic which corner of 1898, a vast scene of the world, is a valuable portion of the book. Besides these features, there are notable additions to the agricultural, educational, financial, political, industrial, naval, military and other departments of the volume. The election tables are full and complete, and nothing is omitted that could add substantial value to the volume. Look for the most exciting twelve months of American history.

The Inquirer Almanac.

The 1899 issue of the Inquirer Year Book is late, equipped to the fact that forms were kept open for the purpose of including all statistics up to the latest possible date and the official election returns from Pennsylvania and surrounding states. Besides the one great feature of this useful handbook, besides the fullest state and municipal election tables, this valuable work exhaustively treats a vast range of topics, some of which it may be interesting to enumerate. The Spanish-American war, its history, chronology, casualties, comparative strength of arms and navies, the American army and navy, a compend of American history to date; our foreign policy; the Canadian-American joint commission; city, state and national government; the fifty-fifth Congress, its members, a summary of legislation; complete maps of Cuba, Hawaii, Ladrones Islands, the Philippines and Porto Rico; fishing—where to go and what it costs; facts you want to know; questions often asked; complete sporting records for 1898 and comparisons; full text of Mrs. Borer's cooking lectures for 1898; men of the year; Hawaiian annexation; our new possessions; Alaska in 1898; events of the year.

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