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WORK OF Y. M. C. A. IN THE ARMY CAMPS

THE MEMBERS OF THE THIRTEENTH APPRECIATE IT.

Tent of the Association Has Been a Feature of Camp Life Ever Since the Early Days at Mt. Gretna, and the Boys Would Not Regret Anything More Than to Part Company with It Now—The Link Which Binds Them to Home Life.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Jan. 20.—The soldier's life, to put the matter plainly, and to strip it of the glamour of war and the halo with which the fertile imaginations of poets and orators usually surround it, is one of dependent routine. The ideas which those at home entertain of war and of soldiering are as far distant from the reality as night is from day. With them it is leaving home with streaming banners, amid the encouraging applause of a multitude of friends and well-wishers, a glorious march, the rattle of drums, the crash of myriad rifles, the exultant boom of the cannon, the clash of sabres, the pean of victory, and the triumphant return to the scenes and the faces most beloved of all.

This is poetry—but it is neither war nor soldiering, for, the dark shadows are not there; it is unreal, because the hours and the days of hunger and of thirst, the periods of trial and of temptations, of chilling cold and of parching heat, the field discipline, the stern, exacting attention to duty, and even the most distressing circumstances, the perpetual routine which deadens ambition, and, in only too many cases, dries up the very fountains of morality and leave the heart and the mind barren—these are the conditions to sustain which requires the highest, purest quality of patriotism and of morality.

GOOD THAT IT WAS DONE.

It is just exactly to meet the necessities of this situation that, happily, religious services, in the broadest sense of the term, are held occasionally and Young Men's Christian association tents are made a practically permanent part of camp life. Though, in his capacity of reporter of the daily doings of the regiment for several months, your correspondent had ample opportunity of observing and appreciating the good work which has been done among the members of the Thirteenth by the Y. M. C. A. tent, which has been closely associated with us ever since we came into the service of the United States, still it would be impossible to calculate, or to give an adequate idea of, the good which has been, and is today being, accomplished by this organization, or to enumerate the beneficial results which flow so generally and so constantly from it. No life affords a greater opportunity for helping our fellow-men, for developing true patience and friendship, and for bringing out in bold relief either what is good, or what is bad, in a man, than that of a soldier in the army of the Y. M. C. A. is undoubtedly casting all its influence on the right side.

The scope of the work which has been mapped out by the army branch of the Y. M. C. A., and which it endeavors to fully accomplish, is unlimited, but still it is not too broad to accept this great opportunity for doing good. There is scarcely a parent who has a son in the Thirteenth regiment who does not owe this organization a moral debt which can never be repaid in his entirety. The Y. M. C. A. tent, even from the mere standpoint of convenience and physical comfort, has been a decided blessing to the boys. From the beginning its doors have been opened to all, and every one was welcomed to the enjoyment of all that it could offer.

USE OF THE TENT.

It has always furnished them with pens, ink and paper gratis, and has recorded them not only in the files of the tent itself, but also the advantage of reading the daily papers and the best magazines. In addition to this, the boys while away the weary, monotonous hours of camp life by indulging in a variety of games—all which preserve and enliven home traditions and customs, and cherish those highest sentiments on whose perpetuation the better part of a man's existence depends. For the use of anything that the tent contains, with the solitary exception of postage stamps, which are always kept on hand for the accommodation of the soldier, no charges are ever made.

When the men are tired, or discouraged, the Y. M. C. A. tent usually becomes their Mecca, and this is not to be wondered at when one considers it is supplied with tables, benches and chairs, an abundance of reading matter of every description, games, such as crokinole, chess, checkers, caroms and quoits, filtered drinking water, pens, ink, writing paper, envelopes. To make it more attractive, it is well heated during the day and lighted at night, while an organ and a large number of singing books add to the refining influences of the place.

At several periods, facts and figures have been collected relative to the extent to which the boys have made use of the privileges to be enjoyed inside of the Y. M. C. A. army tent, and these are, certainly, encouraging. If we take, for instance, the first seven days of July—at which time the regiment was at Camp Alger, Va.—we find that the total attendance in the tent was as high as 10,393 persons; 2,577 letters were written there, and 696 attended religious services even during those excessively sultry evenings. At present, owing to the different conditions of the weather, the attendance is not so large, though, on an average, upwards of 500 persons spend a pleasant part of the day in the tent, and the evening lectures and song services invariably attract large numbers.

QUESTION OF EXPENSE.

The question of expense is now the one which is giving all the trouble. The appropriation for continuing this excellent and Christian work of surrounding the boys with innocent amusement

and with the best and highest influences while they are far away from home, and while their lives are not only a wearisome monotony, but are beset by many trials and temptations, is practically exhausted, and unless some assistance is received, the brightest and the most respected institution connected with camp life—the Y. M. C. A. army tent with all its pleasant associations—will have passed away.

Since our arrival here, the boys have shown their appreciation, and, out of the monthly pittance which they receive from the government, have subscribed their mites, irrespective of religious beliefs, in order that the army branch of the organization may continue to the end. Those in charge have been loth to ask the boys to help them, but they have not been slow to do the best they can, according to their means.

Some idea of what it costs to keep the tent open must have been gained from the figures already given and from the outlay of money for all the traveling from place to place after the regiment, for the games, for the papers and periodicals, and for the writing materials which are constantly supplied. The running expenses every month average about \$180, the stationery alone costing anything between \$60 and \$75, and to offset this outlay the members of the regiment subscribe \$65 immediately after each pay day.

Aside from the Y. M. C. A. tent, there is no place in or around camp where the boys can spend a pleasant hour of recreation and amusement, and where those who try to improve can find proper encouragement, and when one considers the temptations, which beset and assail the soldier, especially if he is young, it will not be hard to appreciate the necessity of such an institution as the Y. M. C. A. army tent, wherein the teachings of home are once again emphasized, and the best influences are exerted in lectures, in sermons, in readings, and in songs, on the minds and hearts of the hearers.

ONLY REMINDED OF HOME LIFE.

It is the only vestige of home life which remains or thrives in camp, and, perhaps, this is the highest compliment which could be paid it.

The Y. M. C. A. army tent has been an undoubted blessing to the members of the Thirteenth regiment. It has done its work well, on the broadest, most charitable, Christian principles, and, therefore, deserves to be encouraged by every parent who has a son, or a near relative, in the regiment, irrespective of the possible differences in belief.

This worthy institution has been with us through heat and cold, through rain and shine, through sickness and health, at Camp Hastings, at Camp Alger, and Camp Meade, and here again at Camp MacKenzie; and the boys would not regret anything more than to part company with it now. Its work has received the highest endorsement from Chaplain Stahl, of the Thirteenth, and Jones, of the Eighth, and is appreciated by every officer and enlisted man in the regiment. The army branch of the Y. M. C. A. has become almost a necessary part of their camp existence, and they cling to it with a tenacity which does them credit, and at the same time pays it a deserving tribute for its worth and its works.

Richard J. Bourke.

UNITED STATES AND PORTO RICO COINS

Executive Order from President McKinley Fixing the Values.

Robert Porter Commends the Plan.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The president today issued the following executive order fixing the rates between United States and Porto Rican coins:

Executive Mansion, Jan. 20, 1899. It is hereby ordered that on and after February 1, 1899, and until further provided, all customs, taxes, public and postal dues in the island of Porto Rico shall be paid in United States money, or in Porto Rican coins, such as the Spanish Alphonso's (centen) and the French Louis, which will be accepted in payment of such customs, taxes, public and postal dues at the following rates: Alphonso's (25 peseta piece), \$1.25; Louis (5 franc piece), \$3.36.

It is further ordered that on and after February 1, 1899, and until further provided the following Porto Rican or Spanish silver coins now in circulation in the island of Porto Rico shall be received for customs, taxes, public and postal dues at the following fixed rates in United States money: The peso \$0.95. The medio peso \$0.48. The peseta \$0.12. The real \$0.06. The medio real \$0.03.

It is further ordered and directed that out of the Porto Rican coins so received a convenient supply shall be retained and carried for exchange for United States money at the rate heretofore enumerated, namely, \$0.96 United States money for one Porto Rican silver piece.

It is further ordered that all existing contracts for the payment of money in the currency of Porto Rico may be discharged and paid in that money in accordance with the contracts or in United States money at the relative value set forth in the above table, namely, \$100 United States currency for 104 2-3 Porto Rican pesos.

Bronze and copper coins now current in the island of Porto Rico will be received at their face value for fractional parts of a dollar in a single payment to an amount not exceeding twelve cents (one peseta).

(Signed) William McKinley.

Special Commissioner Robert P. Porter in a recent report to the secretary of the treasury on the Porto Rican currency situation, commends the plan carried out today in the president's order and says: "Many considerations suggest the wisdom of some such plan of dealing with the Porto Rican currency as the one you have in mind."

The Electric Trust.

New York, Jan. 20.—An arrangement was consummated today for the sale of the Edison Electrical Illuminating company of this city to the New York Gas and Electric Light, Heat and Power company. The latter concern is the recently organized commission which is backed by William C. Whitney, W. L. Elkins, P. A. B. Widener and other capitalists. The issues of bonds will be limited to \$21,000,000.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Jan. 20.—Arrived: La Bretagne, Havre; Servia, Liverpool; Amsterdam, Rotterdam.

DAY'S DOINGS IN DUNMORE BOROUGH

FIREMEN HAD AN ENJOYABLE CELEBRATION.

It was in honor of the Arrival of the New Chemical Engine and the Hose Wagon—Party in Honor of Master Samuel Smith, of Jefferson Avenue—Services Tomorrow at the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches—Personal Notes and Short Paragraphs.

Dunmore people again had an opportunity last night of seeing their firemen parade. The affair took place last evening, the occasion being the celebration in honor of the arrival of the new chemical wagon of the Neptune company and the hose wagon of the Electric hose company. At 8 o'clock the gong at No. 5 breaker blew twice, a signal for the parade to move forward. First came a platoon of police, National Drum corps, Chief O'Hara, John B. Smith hose company, composed of 28 members and cart; Neptune chemical engine and 45 members; Electric engine company wagon and 18 members; old Neptune hand cart, drawn by 30 small boys, in charge of Permanent Man George Fudge.

After traversing the different streets, the firemen adjourned to the Keystone hall on South Blakely street, where the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, music being furnished by Professor Krotzer.

IN HONOR OF MASTER SMITH.

Master Samuel Smith, of Jefferson avenue, was tendered a party at his home Tuesday evening by a number of his young friends. The occasion was in honor of Samuel reaching his fourteenth birthday. Games, etc., suitable for the occasion were indulged in until a seasonable hour, when all departed homeward.

Those composing the party were Messrs. Grace Cayley, Lizzie Smith, S. S. Cayley, Nellie Beardsford, Susanna Smith, Josephine Patch, Mabel Cayley, Messrs. Albert Hall, Clarence Palmer, Alexander Abbig, Harry Lewis, Edward Rozelle, Frank Morlan, George Smith, Michael Nimley, Joseph Landcaster and Harry Hornbecker.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. A. J. Van Cleft, pastor, for Sunday are as follows: Morning sermon, 10.30 a. m.; class meeting, 11.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; prayer meeting, 6.30 p. m.; evening sermon, 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "Work of the Holy Spirit," Senior Christian Endeavor, 8.30 p. m.; evening sermon, 7.30 p. m.

SHORTER PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Jones Pinnell, of West Drinker street, who has been the guest of her mother at Washington, D. C., for the past few weeks, has returned home.

All members of the Pride of Dunmore Temple, No. 1, Ladies of the Golden Eagle, are requested to meet at Manley's hall Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock sharp.

The members of the Methodist Episcopal church conducted a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. E. H. Theisen, on Grove street, yesterday afternoon. A large number were present.

Carpenters are at work repairing the damage done to the Exchange hotel by the runaway car on the Dickson street line last Sunday morning.

Fred Reber, chief engineer and electrician, of The Tribune, who has been confined to his home with illness for the past few weeks, is able to be around again.

Thomas James, of Jermy, spent yesterday with friends on Chestnut street.

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Miss Marie Van Cleft, of South Blakely street, has returned home after a pleasant visit with Wilkes-Barre friends.

The social held at the home of Mrs. Albert Jenkins, on Butler street, last evening, under the auspices of the Daughters of America, was a pronounced success, both socially and financially.

The funeral of the late Obadiah Arnold, of Adams avenue, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Forest Hill cemetery.

All members of the Rose and Crown lodge, No. 300, Sons of St. George, are requested to meet at their lodge rooms tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock sharp to attend the funeral of their deceased brother, Robert Taylor, of New York street.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Carries Appropriation for Ensuing Year of \$12,503,138.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The river and harbor bill was completed tonight. It carries appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year aggregating \$12,503,138, and in addition to this continuing contracts are authorized aggregating \$16,791,528. Other conditional appropriations, contingent upon securing certain results, amount to \$770,000, but the payments on these would probably be postponed beyond the ensuing year.

The Pennsylvania appropriations are as follows: Erie harbor, \$125,000; Pittsburgh harbor, \$110,662; Delaware river from Trenton to its mouth, \$300,000; Monongahela river, enlarging locks, etc., \$50,000; continuing contracts, \$138,065.

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