

When a Feller Needs a Friend—By Wm. Strouse



Hurrah For the Fourth!

It's a Great Day, Fellers, and I envy the boys in camp--they can fire off the guns and cannon, and have a great time; and if any "greasers" ever get in range--look out!

Look Out, Mexico!

You're a red hot place we know, Of course, you think us slow! But watch us when we go: In peace we wished to dwell, We treated you too well! No Gringo, By Jingo, Must leave Mexico.

Boys, here's a song I heard; it's not original but it is very appropriate.

I hope you all will have a good time, to-morrow—and I'm going to enjoy myself too, for you know OUR NEW STORE is closed all day on the Fourth.

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And I guess he don't care if we're a little late on Wednesday morning getting to work.

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HILL ENDEAVOR RALLY SUCCESS

Societies East of Railroad Gather at Park Street U. E. Church



Wm. P. EDMUNDSON State Street United Brethren Society President

Christian Endeavor enthusiasm was manifested at the big State C. E. booster rally held in the Park Street United Evangelical Church last evening when fully fifteen societies were represented. The auditorium was crowded to its capacity and about 30 members of the Harrisburg C. E. choral union occupied seats in the Sunday School room.

Upon the arrival of the various societies after marching from their churches, the Endeavorers sang popular hymns under the leadership of J. Frank Palmer, chairman of the Music Committee. President A. C. Dean, the big booster for the State Convention, and president of the Harrisburg C. E. Union, kept the Endeavorers busy with an up-to-the-minute program. Representatives from the general convention committee were present and gave one minute addresses on the committee work which they represented. The following Endeavorers spoke: Miss Nelle M. Liddick, secretary, Chas. S. Meek, chairman ushers committee; W. M. Malley, reception; J. Frank Palmer, music; Prof. J. J. Brehm, finance; A. J. Lightner, decoration; Elmer S. Schilling, press.

Presidents from the societies present gave encouraging reports concerning the work for the State convention. The following societies were represented and addresses were delivered by: H. D. Jackson, Market Street Baptist; Millard Hess, Christ Lutheran; Edward Bowers, Church of the Redeemer, Lutheran; Frank Dapp, Penbrook Church of God; Stanley E. Wengert, Derry Street United Brethren; A. Steyer, Penbrook United Brethren; Miss Anna Holbert, Olivet Presbyterian; Agnes D. Sanderson, Immanuel Presbyterian; Chas. S. Ulrich, Park Street United Evangelical; and W. P. Edmundson, State United Brethren.

Live-Wire C. E. Workers Among the live-wire workers is Wm. P. Edmundson, president of the Christian Endeavor society of United Brethren Church, 18th and State streets. Mr. Edmundson was converted during the Stough Campaign and became a member of the above named church in January, 1915. After several invitations were extended to him he became an active member of the Christian Endeavor society August 1, 1915. He was nominated and elected as president September 5th. The society is active and is composed of 45 members, ten of which were received since Jan. 1, 1915. The prayer-meetings are always good and many of the members are regular attendants of the Friday evening cottage prayer-meetings and the Moody Bible conference. This society is aiding needy families and is contributing toward the State C. E. Convention in many ways.

POST OFFICE HOURS JULY 4 On July 4 the main Post Office and Hill and Maclay stations will be closed from 10 a. m. to 12 p. m. All carriers will make their 7.15 a. m. delivery and collection, and the 5.40, 7.30 and 10.30 p. m. collections. Postmaster Sites announced to day.

A Plethora of Proclamations For months the papers of the Commonwealth carried columns of general orders, proclamations and instructions from the Governor of the State, the Adjutant-General of the militia forces, major-generals and brigadier-generals who commanded alleged brigades and divisions of militia. At first, June 22, was fixed as the time for the proclamation of readiness for a Pennsylvania movement Mexico way. Then the time was extended to July 11, as the Adjutant General of the State expressed it to allow time for the correction of informalities, and that companies might be enabled to make up the full complement of men.

Bluntly worded the true reason was that the so-called militia system of the State at that day was a glittering sham abounding in show, pretense, high sounding titles and general inefficiency to produce speedy and practical results when confronted with a condition of actual hostilities. Compare the months of delay and disappointment in placing two regiments in the field, in 1846, which I am about to narrate, with the mobilization of the entire National Guard of Pennsylvania at Mt. Gretna in some twenty-four hours at the beginning of the Spanish-American war, or what we have just witnessed in our State in the past few days following President Wilson's call for service on the Mexican border, and one is able to comprehend the vast difference in military conditions at the two periods.

Something Done at Least From May 11 to November 18 is a good long time as we measure time. Yet, on November 18, 1846, not one of those hundred and more Pennsylvania organizations which had tendered their services was one inch nearer Mexico than they had been when the President called for volunteers on May 11. Troops from many of the Southern and Western States were in the field; a battalion from our neighboring city of Baltimore covered itself with glory amid the lurid fires of Monterey, but not a Pennsylvanian was in the fray except those who were in the regular army. And quite a number of patriotic young men of Harrisburg, disgusted with the interminable delay in the organization of Pennsylvania volunteer regiments, had cut across the regular service. There was a vast deal of talk in official circles and much froth about what was going to be done. Yards and yards of resolutions and general orders were filed off every week, but underneath all these seemed to be an insuperable difficulty in getting the machinery in motion. Some companies were not filed to the requisite

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IN MEXICO 70 YEARS AGO

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ings of the "Cameron Guards" of Harrisburg.

An Antiquated and Useless Militia System

May 11, 1846 the Congress of the U. S. declared that a condition of war existed between the United States and Mexico on account of the acts of the latter nation; and authorized the President to raise a volunteer force of 50,000 men from the different States as an adjunct to the regular army.

The President, accordingly, called for 85 regiments from the 30 States then composing the union, with an additional battalion from the District of Columbia. The number of regiments assigned to Pennsylvania was six.

The old-time mustering with all its attendant scenes of conviviality was still in the heyday of its popularity; and, in consequence, nearly every town and community had its crack company arrayed in all possible extravagances of uniform, with wonderful trimmings and edgings and of every conceivable combination of hues.

These crack companies from all over the State promptly tendered their services in large numbers so that, by the opening day of June, more than 100 State organizations had indicated an eager desire to go to Mexico.

The Out-of-Town Exodus The greater portion of the populace will journey out-of-town; the nearby parks and similar recreation places, ing to-day off, too. The banks will be closed and special holiday hours will be on at the Post Office.

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standard; many rolls and offers of services sent to Harrisburg were defective. In some cases, in the first outburst of enthusiasm a company would vociferously offer its services, but when it came to muster, many of the members would balk at the clause of the enlistment which said "For the war."

This is not a pleasant theme to dwell upon, but, perhaps, it is just as well for us to know to what a pass of nothingness a general system of rote tap combined with utter inefficiency can reduce a State.

During all these weary months of "watchful waiting" the rival "Dauphin Guards" and "Harrisburg Rifles" were nuch in the popular eye and the popular mouth. They were both fine companies ornately uniformed and well drilled, the admiration of the citizens and more especially of the ladies of the borough who greeted them with smiles and waving handkerchiefs whenever they appeared on the streets. They gave street parades and shooting matches innumerable. All these the small boy of the period enjoyed immensely for the genus "kid" was just as fond of viewing parades in the year 1846 as in this year 1916.

At length, November 17, 1846, Governor Shunk received a pre-emptory requisition from Polk's Secretary of War for one regiment of infantry to be mustered into the service immediately. Then began the task of selecting ten companies from the hundred or more on the waiting list.

Neither the "Dauphin Guards" nor the "Harrisburg Rifles" were chosen as a component part of the First Pennsylvania Volunteers, and there was gloom in Harrisburg.

The next paper will tell how the "Cameron Guards" did secure a place in the Second Pennsylvania Volunteers of the Mexican war; how they bravely upheld the flag and how they suffered and some met death through the gross and criminal carelessness and inefficiency of those in authority in the United States government of 1846.

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EAGLE'S SCREAM TO HAVE DEEPER MEANING

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the mouths of the big creeks, the river islands—they'll all draw a share of the folks. Scores of picnics have been planned and Paxtang, Reservoir, to say nothing of Hershey, Bolling Springs, Mt. Holly parks and the nearer dancing pavilions of Fort Washington and Summerdale will have big representations of city folks. Middletown's big firemen's convention will draw hundreds of folks from the city, too.

The day will be an especially big day for the postman. The fifteenth annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of the United National Association of post office clerks will begin to-morrow and this will likely be the big event of Independence Day, 1916.

The Athletes Have a Big Day The youthful athletes of the city to say nothing of his older professional brother, will be in fine form, too. The athletic program is large and varied. Albany and Harrisburg will fight out two big games on the island; a hundred odd amateur games have been planned for various parts of the city and surrounding towns. The Motive Power nine of the Pennsylvania League will play two battles royal with the New Cumberland team at New Cumberland and there are double-headers scheduled in the Dauphin-Perry league circuit. A feature of the postman's program will be the game between the local and Lancaster post office clubs on the island playground at 3 o'clock.

Of special importance too, on the athletic program will be the big street run of the Methodist club. It will begin at 10 o'clock, starting from Fifth and Grand streets.

The Message of the Flag So far as noise is concerned Harrisburg will probably be more than ordinarily sane and quiet. Only the occasional banging of a revolver in some back yard or perhaps the surreptitious explosion of cannon crackers will enliven the monotony of the day. And at midnight of course the whistles and the firebells will signal the advent of the hundred and fortieth anniversary of the Nation's birth.

However, it will be at Mt. Gretna that the flag and its birthday will have the deeper significance; thousands of Harrisburg folks will go by train and motorcar to the great camping ground to say good-by to Companies D and I, of the Eighth Regiment and the Governor's Troop. When another Independence Day celebration rolls round the flag may be sheltering the city's khaki-clad fellows somewhere south of the Rio Grande.

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