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CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the Gazette, by G. R. Gheer, Optician, 55 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

9 o'clock, A. M.	66	65
12 M.	77	77
6 P. M.	70	70
Barometer	29	30

The Riot at Camp Wilkins.—Death of Geo. Eichenmiller.—Coroner's Inquest.—

In yesterday's Gazette we gave the particulars of a serious disturbance at Camp Wilkins, between several companies of Home Guards and the soldiers at the camp. We also stated that George Eichenmiller, a member of the Home Guards, had been struck on the head with a stone, and was not expected to recover. He died on Wednesday morning, when he expired. The announcement of his death caused much excitement, particularly among the Germans, who allege that they have been grossly outraged.

Coroner Bostwick was called upon to hold an inquest, and he adjourned upon a thorough investigation of the matter. In order that full justice may be done to both parties, we give the testimony at length, with the simple remark that it is exceedingly contradictory.

Fritz Sunder, sworn.—I belong to Capt. Gaig's company, Fifth Ward Home Guard; we were out parading at the Iron City Park yesterday; there were four companies out in all, when one big horse got the Fair Grounds; somebody inside the fence threw a brick over it into the ranks; they were passing on the fence, who also threw stones; one of the stones struck me; the difficulty took place near the entrance to the Camp; some one fired at us from behind the fence. I saw the flash of the powder, we said nothing; it was partly to justify the assault; there were several detail men, around the other companies had passed before we came up; there were over a couple of hundred persons throwing at us before the Germans fired; they fired three or four blank cartridges; the man who fired belonged to the Rifle Company; I was standing beside Eichenmiller when he was struck with a stone on the forehead; he fell immediately; none of our company fired.

Frederick Kenzer, sworn.—Belong to Captain Gangwisch's company; at the Park we were annoyed by some soldiers from the camp; when returning opposite the Fair Grounds, our company was behind; some of the four companies fired; I saw a good many stones thrown, and heard a shot fired in the camp; I was struck on the face; there were men inside the camp, on the fence, and outside, who threw at us; saw Eichenmiller fall after he was struck.—None of our men, at the Park, either shot at or attempted to injure any of the volunteers; they jumped up by running through our ranks and insulting us. One of the volunteers got a gun at the Park, but it was taken from him, and he was handed over to a police officer; heard one or two shots fired at the Camp, but cannot tell who fired them.

Michael Frey, sworn.—Belong to Capt. Gangwisch's company; when passing the Fair Ground, there were eighty or ninety men on the fences; there were some outside; some one said "here comes the d—d Dutch," &c. The men on the fence had stones, and after they threw them they jumped down and threw again. The stone that struck Eichenmiller went over my head. The men had gray uniforms, and some had red shirts. It was five minutes after the stones were thrown that the shots were fired by the Home Guards.

Conrad Rash, sworn.—When passing Camp Wilkins, I saw two officers and two or three men standing there. They commenced to quarrel with some of our men, (Gangwisch,) as we were passing. They were outside the lines. There was some shouting, but I cannot tell who shot. Stones were thrown—the men picking up the broken stone on the road. The officers from the camp were dispersing with some of our men; the officers then drew their swords, and the soldiers in the camp began to throw stones. None of our company threw stones. After the fuss was over, the officers formed their men in rank and marched them into camp.

The inquest then adjourned until two o'clock.

At the hour designated the jury met at Camp Wilkins, and the examination of witnesses was resumed:

Capt. *Alex. McClintock*, sworn.—As Captain of one of the Home Guard companies, while passing the Fair Grounds, I noticed men on the fence hissing and groaning; some waved their hats, and one or two little sticks were thrown from the inside; there were Capt. Feltz, Capt. Gangwisch, and Capt. Burkart's companies in the line; after we passed a little further along, stones were thrown; the throwing was from outside and inside the fence; I was struck in the pit of the stomach, but I do not know who threw the stone; there was no firing at the time, but after we were thrown into confusion I heard shots fired. The first officer I saw at the camp was trying to get the men inside the fence; could not identify any of the men who raised the disturbance at Iron City Park. A squad of men came up under an officer, to bring the men down to camp, as he informed me.

J. P. Pierson, sworn.—I belong to Co. G, Capt. Feltz, Fifth Ward Home Guard; we drilled while at the Park, and while Capt. Feltz was making a speech two soldiers began to jeer and curse; after Mr. Feltz had finished, two volunteers undertook to take the musket from some of Capt. Gangwisch's men; the Captain told them that would not do; when one of them drew a pistol, which Capt. Gangwisch seized hold of, and finally got him to put it in his pocket. Another man, without a uniform, was found with a stone in his pocket, which was taken from him by a guard. Then we marched home; past the Fair Grounds, we were insulted by hisses, and assaulted with a shower of stones. Told the company to keep in rank, but they were so much excited that they got into confusion. The men fell very fast in the ranks. Several of our officers, with myself, went into Camp Wilkins. I saw Capt. J. W. Duncan, and told him what had occurred; he cried out, "G—d—it, clear out of here, the whole of you." I said, "We want to know who was the cause of this riot." We walked out, got our companies in order, and marched into town. It is hard to say who threw the stones. They were thrown from within the camp. There were two or three shots fired, but I cannot tell who fired.

Capt. J. P. Kirk, sworn.—As Captain of the Jefferson Guards, Canonsburgh, was talking to Capt. Warner, on the parade ground, when a young man came up and said "as I was wanted at the gate; went to the gate and found Lieut. McDiuse with a squad of men who had been up to the Park; he wanted me to get all my men in, as the Home Guards were coming, and he feared some trouble; we got all our men inside; some of the soldiers got on a pile of timber and were looking over the fence; they commenced groaning, and I asked them repeatedly not to do so; in a few moments, I noticed, through the cracks of the fence, that the last company halted, and faced the camp; after the hallooing and hissing, I think some of the Home Guards attempted to strike some of the volunteers on the fence; they jumped off the fence, and up to this time there had been no throwing; I went outside the gate, and found some of my men on the street; I ordered them in, under penalty of arrest; by this, time the Home Guards had gone down street. Saw two or three of my men throwing stones. Mr. Colwell and Josiah Johnson both threw; James McCahan was out but I am not positive that he threw. The crowd was large and excited, and I think the two men whom I have mentioned were throwing. A good many shots were fired, but I cannot say how many. Some of the rear company of Home Guards put pebbles in their guns, and one or two attempts were made to strike the soldiers on the fence with their bayonets or the butts of their muskets. I observed, no stones thrown up to this time, but the officers from the camp were disperse with some of our men; the officers then drew their swords, and the soldiers in the camp began to throw stones. None of our company threw stones. After the fuss was over, the officers formed their men in rank and marched them into camp.

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