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NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

28TH G. A. R.

Pittsburg Thronged With Boys in Blue and Gay With Decorations.

Though the twenty-eighth national encampment now in progress in Pittsburg may be said to have commenced on Monday, the 10th inst., the inflow of soldiers and visitors began on Saturday and increased with each successive hour. Many Posts arrived Sunday evening and most of them were attended with escort bands and marched to their respective quarters with music, flags and banners.

Pittsburg and Allegheny are both handsomely decorated. Many of the decorations are elaborate, some unique, and all beautiful. Several of the principal streets are literally lined with flags and bunting.

The principal features of the program for Monday were: Reunion First Maine cavalry, Naval Veterans' parade, Executive committee, ex-prisoners, Reunion Twenty-third army corps, Naval veterans' convention, Meeting third army corps, Reunion eleventh Pennsylvania reserves, Reunion twelfth Ohio reserves, Reunion seventy-sixth Pennsylvania infantry, Reunion second Ohio cavalry, Reunion fourth Pennsylvania cavalry, Reunion second Pennsylvania cavalry, Reunion one hundred and thirty-fourth Pennsylvania cavalry, Dog watch, naval veterans.

Among the distinguished visitors in attendance on the encampment are: Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania; Governor McKinley, of Ohio; Senator John B. Gordon, of Florida; commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, Ex-Gov. Pierpont, of West Virginia; Ex-Gov. Board, of Wisconsin; Ex-Gov. Lucien Fairbanks, of Wisconsin; Ex-Gov. John Scott, of Nevada; Gen. Nickles; Corporal Tanner, the expedition commissioner.

TUESDAY'S PROGRAM.

The grand parade and review of the Grand Army of the Republic. Council meeting of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Council meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps. Council meeting of the Daughters of Veterans. Union Ex-Prisoners of war.

Reunions of the following organizations: Fifty-eighth Ohio Infantry, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, First Corps, Army of the Potomac, Fifth New York Cavalry, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, Forty-second Ohio Infantry, Pennsylvania Cavalry, Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry.

ENCAMPMENT NOTES.

The Vincent Post of Erie, Pa., went to the encampment on a special train, arriving with them several battle flags and also old Ned, a horse captured by Ben F. Crawford, of Company C, sixteenth regiment, Pennsylvania cavalry, from General Early's brigade. Ned is 39 years old, and walked from North East 10 miles away Sunday morning.

Albert Neal, of Indianapolis, Ind., mounted on his old gray horse Bill, traveled all the distance from Indianapolis overland. Neal claims his horse Bill is 34 years of age and "bats his ears" annually went through the "mill" of Spring Brook.

The picnic on Saturday.

Heavy rains are quenching the forest fires. The oriental war is advancing the price of tea.

The national convention of the Wesleyan League opened Monday at Colorado Springs, Col.

United States Commissioner Bond, at Baltimore, has decided that the mailing of postal card duns is not unlawful.

It is reported that the Chinese government has arranged to purchase half of the vessels comprised in the Chilean army.

Cleveland firms last week bought from Cincinnati dealers 50,000 tons of pig iron, costing over \$400,000. It is material for water pipe.

Union and non-union longshoremen fought a pitched battle in Savannah Saturday. Mart Cain, the union leader, was mortally wounded.

Five suits have been filed in St. Louis against the Terminal Railway Association charging infringement of certain electrical patents.

Minneapolis has opened a big subscription list for the benefit of the fire sufferers. A Minnesota Fire Relief Committee has been formed.

Iowa is in what is thought to be the starting point of a regular wet spell, and now the crops are expected to be all right if frost doesn't come too soon.

The office of editor of the United States Geological Survey has been abolished by the Secretary of the Interior, involving a saving in salary of \$2,000 a year.

Governor Markham, of California, has appointed a court of inquiry to investigate the conduct of the state militia during the recent A. B. U. strike when at least one company refused to advance upon the strikers.

The Pope is preparing an encyclical letter addressed to the bishops and people of the United States. The letter will announce the absolute supremacy of the Apostolic Delegate in church matters in the United States, with the simple right of appeal to the Pope. The encyclical will not deal with scholastic questions.

FIFTY HOUSES BURNED.

An Ohio Village Devastated by Fire Monday Morning.

Twenty acres in the heart of Dalton, O., were devastated by fire early Monday morning. Over 50 houses were destroyed and the loss is very heavy. Assistance was sent by special train from Massillon, Greville and Canton. The village water supply was soon exhausted and then wells and cisterns were emptied. Rain soon began to fall and the flames began to die out. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin. The insurance amounts to almost nothing.

Losses at Hinckley.

The total loss at Hinckley and the immediate vicinity is estimated at \$200,000. Out of about 400 dwelling houses in the town but about 20 carried insurance, owing to the high rates which have been in effect. The public buildings, Brennan Lumber Company and the hotels were well insured.

MARCHING AGAINST SEOUL.

CHINESE SURPRISED

The Japs Have Landed and Are Building a Fort Near Port Arthur.

There appears to be a gradual shifting of the scene of action from Korea farther north and within the territory which is properly Chinese. The combatants are engaged in strengthening their respective positions and estimating the strength of the enemy.

According to Chinese information the number of Japanese in Korea is 34,000 men of whom 500 are cavalry. The Chinese troops are three days' march from Seoul, where the beleaguered fortress are expected to meet.

China is said to have directed all her European agents and representatives to bestir themselves in the purchase of first class cruisers, battleships, rams and ammunition, ships from Chile are expected to arrive in Chinese waters soon.

The Chinese who were landed from junks south of Tating river, about 50 miles from Ping Yang, are said to be wandering in the mountains north of Seoul and are supported in a great measure by friendly Koreans.

It is reported that over 20,000 Koreans are up to arms against the Japanese invaders, but all are not provided with firearms and a guerrilla warfare among the mountains will be carried on.

There was a tremendous excitement at Tushkan, a port on the west coast a few days ago when it was reported that several Japanese warships were going to attack the place. Ten thousand soldiers were hastily despatched from the capital, Tai Peh Fu, and great preparations for resisting the expected attack were being made.

The attitude of the European powers is still a matter of much gossip. It is announced that the czar's government will observe neutrality as long as Russian territory is not interfered with. As the British policy it is observed that her majesty's government as represented by Admiral Fremantle, is determined to have a force in these waters sufficient to protect all British subjects and enforce the recognition of British rights.

The ships now on the scene are the Centurion, Mercury, Adelaide, seven, Porpoise and Linnet, while nine men-of-war more lying the British flag were at Chefoo at last advice.

A strong force of Japanese troops have occupied an island in society bay, northeast of Port Arthur. The island is a base of operations. The Chinese were taken completely by surprise, and consequently were able to offer no opposition or prevent the landing of large quantities of ammunition, arms, provisions, etc., which are being stored there. Everything connected with the affair indicates the purpose of the Japanese to strike a decisive blow, if necessary, until the force occupying the island shall have been reinforced sufficiently to justify an attack upon Port Arthur.

FARMS FOR FIRE VICTIMS.

The Burned District will Again be Settled—Food Will be Supplied.

All the burned territory in northern Minnesota is ready for the plow, and a farm will be given to the head of every burnt out family that does not now own one. The women and children refugees will be provided for at Duluth until the fathers can put up temporary shacks in the burned district. Lumber and materials for these buildings will be sent on at once. The state of Minnesota or individuals must provide funds for the necessities of life over winter.

If the saw mills are not to be rebuilt in the burned district Hinckley will be rebuilt as a farming town and junction of the two roads. Reports come slowly from the searching parties, and the dead list in Pine county alone will, if it is true, reach a total of 100.

The bodies at Sandstone, 80 or more in number, were being temporarily covered with earth, will be dug up, closely examined, and properly buried in the little cemetery near the town.

Another problem for the survivors in that neighborhood is the disposal of dead animals. The region about Hinckley is littered with the carcasses of horses, cows, hogs, and a few deer. The terrible stench from them promises to breed a pestilence among the few people left.

A PITTSBURGH CRUISER.

Naval Reserves Negotiating for an Armored Vessel.

By this time next year Pittsburg will be able to boast of an armored cruiser. Negotiations have been pending for some time between the board of governors of the naval reserves and Capt. Henderson, owner of the steamer C. W. Batecher, with a view to purchasing the boat, satisfactory arrangements have been made in regard to the price and it is understood this amount, \$6,500, has been obtained by subscription from several public spirited citizens and can be called for at any time.

The plan as proposed is to remove all the outer deck of the boat and rebuild it after the pattern of one of the modern men-of-war. It is said the Carnegie Company have expressed their intention of contributing enough armor plate to cover the boat. It will be quarter-inch, as it is not thought advisable to make it any heavier on account of having such low water. The cruiser will be supplied with several rapid-firing guns by the government and will be used as a club house and armory by the reserves.

NORWAY IN TURMOIL.

Judges Desert Their Courtrooms to Make Campaign Speeches.

The most important political campaign in the history of Norway is now going on. Numerous meetings are being held, and the two main parties, the Right and the Left, are contesting every inch of ground. The first elections to the Storting resulted favorably to the Right, but later on the Conservatives were victorious in several districts. This alarmed the party of the Left, and they comprehensively with the Socialists, inserting in their platform one of the main demands of the Socialist party—the demand for universal suffrage. With the help of the Socialists the Left hopes now to roll up a good majority for its candidates, who are in favor of a separate Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Norway and also of separate consuls.

In some judicial courts of the country no cases can be heard or taken up, the reason being that the Judges have deserted their benches, and are traveling through the country making speeches in the interest of the Right.

\$1,000,000 LUMBER FRAUDS.

Perpetrated Upon the State of Minnesota, and Suits Will Begin.

State Senator W. S. Dedon, of the Senatorial committee which is investigating the frauds against the state of Minnesota, in the cutting of pine on school lands, has just returned from an extensive cruising through the country where the frauds are alleged to have been committed. He said:

"We are now ready with the evidence necessary to begin suits aggregating \$500,000 against various lumber firms in the state. Up to date we have uncovered frauds which will sum up to \$1,000,000 and the investigation has cost the state \$500. One firm that has cut over a section thereof on a basis of one million 675,000 feet. Our scale from the stump shows that over 700,000 feet were actually cut, and the true figure is probably nearer 9,000,000. This is a sample case."

GREAT RALLY OF CLUBS.

Large Gathering at the State League Meeting.

There was a large gathering of prominent Republicans in Harrisburg Wednesday to attend the convention of the State League of Republican Clubs. The convention was to a great extent a ratification meeting, its only business being to elect officers and delegates to the National League convention in Cleveland. The convention was held in the opera house which was comfortably filled.

The address of welcome on behalf of the Dauphin county delegation was delivered by A. Wilson Norris, President Robinson in response said the convention was the largest in the history of the league, 1,143 delegates and alternates being present and closed his address by predicting a complete Republican victory in November. Letters were read from a number of distinguished men. After naming York as the place of meeting next year and naming Messrs. Martin, Moyer, Coyer, Eyre and Lyon as a committee to name delegates-at-large to the national convention the convention took a recess.

The afternoon session was devoted to eulogies of candidates for the various places of honor and profit in the organization. First after the recess came the report of the committee on resolutions, which was an endorsement of General Hastings and his associates on the State ticket, a renewal of pledges of fealty to the principles of the Republican party, a pat on the back for the minority in congress, a slap at Democratic rule, and condemnation of the Cleveland foreign policy. There was also a supplementary plan, protesting against the alleged outrages in the South, and praising the Republican party as the party of justice, humanity and law.

Among the delegates-at-large elected to the national convention are: W. H. McCloskey, John Doyle, A. J. Darchfield and Arch Mackey, Pittsburg. Among the alternates are: R. A. F. Lyon, Westmoreland; M. De Rosa, Pittsburg; John W. Crawford, Duquesne; Alexander Hall, Pittsburg.

RECIPROCITY ABROGATED.

Spain Negotiating for a New Treaty With the United States.

A cablegram from Madrid, Spain, says: The Gazette published a decree cancelling the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba, the cancellation to take effect "the moment the United States applies the new customs tariff." Instructions have been sent to the Spanish colonies that cargoes which cleared from the United States before the new tariff went into effect are to pay the old rate of duty. Negotiations are in progress here for a new commercial treaty between the United States and the Spanish colonies.

At the state department at Washington D. C. it is asserted that nothing had been undertaken by the department relating to further treaty negotiations. It is possible that the Spanish government may have indicated to the United States minister at Madrid that it was desirable to enter into new treaty relations, since the new tariff abrogated the treaties made under the McKinley law, but it is said that no initiative steps have been taken by this government.

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THOUSANDS OF DEATHS.

Have Been Caused in Parts of the Austrian Empire by Cholera.

Thousands of deaths from cholera have taken place in parts of the Austrian empire since the outbreak of the epidemic.

The official figures are: 5,367 cases and 2,700 deaths in Galicia, and 519 cases and 300 deaths in Bukovina. In the former of the latter there were 160 new cases and 100 deaths Thursday and in the latter 10 new cases and 9 deaths.

The awful record of death is for one county alone. The plague is raging in Holland and France, though with not such violence.

The most intense alarm is felt throughout Europe over the rapid spread of the disease. The various governments are considering means of putting down the epidemic.

CHOLERA IS LANDED.

An Immigrant on the Way to Pittsburg Stricken.

John Peter Walther was removed from an immigrant train at Cumberland, Md., Wednesday. He landed in New York Wednesday from a Lloyd steamer and was on his way to Pittsburg when taken sick. Physicians pronounced it a case of cholera. He was sent to the pest-house outside the city limits. The other immigrants were sent on to Pittsburg in a closed car.

Fell 525 Feet.

E. Reed, superintendent and general manager of the Bob Tail mine, near Central City, Col., while being drawn to the top of the shaft in company with W. S. Forbes and Edward R. Kirby, was knocked from the bucket and instantly killed. Mr. Reed fell a distance of 525 feet, landing on the top of his head on a trolley with such force as to bend the axle.

Chairman Wilson Has Sailed.

Wm. L. Wilson, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house and author of the new tariff bill, has secured passage on the American liner *Paris* for Liverpool, which he sailed at 11 o'clock Wednesday forenoon.

Gold and Silver Coinage.

A statement by the director of the mint shows that the coinage during the month of August was: Gold, \$7,722,000; silver, \$976,000, of which \$748,000 was standard dollars.

Gen. Stoneman Dead.

General George Stoneman, ex-governor of California, died at Buffalo, N. Y., on Wednesday morning at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Benjamin H. Willard.

LATEST NEWS SUMMARIZED.

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

What is Transpiring the World Over. Important Events Briefly Told.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

The strike of the New York tailors affiliated with the Federation of Labor is practically at an end. Many large contractors visited the strikers' headquarters and signed the agreement decided upon the previous night.

Window glassworkers at Anderson, Ind., are busy at the reduced wages.

FOREIGN.

A Yokohama dispatch says that Marshal Yamagata started for Corea on Thursday, to assume command of the Japanese army in that country. It is said that the Japanese forces in Corea will soon number 100,000.

Cholera is raging in the town and province of Nijni Novgorod. In Russian Poland there are 6,000 fresh cases of cholera and 2,500 deaths from that disease on an average per week.

Grave fears are felt for the safety of the steamer *Holland*, which left South Manitoa Island for Manitowish Monday with a crew of 14 men and a cargo of lumber.

Advices by steamer from Venezuelan ports are that President Crespo is in such fear of assassination that he never appears in public without a large escort of cavalry.

The British cruiser *Ringarooma*, which went ashore on the island of Malibolla, in the New Hebrides, is likely to be a total loss. Her position is critical.

At Turin an anarchist named Salero exploded a bomb in a Cafe San Carl, which created much consternation, but injured no one. Salero was arrested.

England has sent gunboats to punish Chief Sava and his rebellious subjects in West Africa.

The Peruvian Government is having difficulty in finding money for the payment of troops.

New cases of cholera are reported in Holland.

WASHINGTON.

Attorney-General Olney has reversed his predecessor's opinion, and decided that once a proposal has been submitted to the government in response to a public advertisement it cannot be recalled.

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COKE AND IRON BOOMING.

Pittsburg Mills Refuse Orders for Immediate Deliveries.

The report of the operations and output of the Connellsville coke region for the week ending September 1, shows 15,734 active ovens and 3,780 idle ovens with a total estimated production of 133,651 tons. In the active list of ovens there was a net gain of 1,031. The completion was pretty well scattered throughout the region, though the Frick company blew in the majority of ovens.

The coke strike has ceased to be a factor in the iron trade, and the furnaces have generally resumed west of the Alleghenies. Ore prices are exceedingly low, and Bessemer pig is quoted at \$11.50 in Pittsburg. The Pittsburg steel mills have large contracts and for early deliveries are practically out of the market.

BURIED FOR RHEUMATISM.

The Disease Cured by Whiskey in a Grave.

A live man with no complaint except rheumatism was buried in Sheep Hill near New Castle, Pa., Thursday. Robert Jackson, a farmer, heard this plan would cure his complaint. Before descending to his grave he took a drink of whiskey and a square meal, and bade all his friends farewell. Then he was covered and had communication with the world only through a rubber hose.

About 12 o'clock a voice through the tube asked for more whiskey, and it was poured down to him. At 6 o'clock the grave was opened and Jackson placed his hands on the sides of the hole and leaped out. He appeared completely cured and vaulted over a six rail fence to show his family that the pains had left him.

DIED IN HIS UNIFORM.

A Veteran Expired From Heart Disease, in Grant School, Pittsburg.

The first tragedy of the encampment occurred Sunday evening in the Third ward schoolhouse, in Grant street, Pittsburg. Louis Trester, a veteran from Snyder county, Pa., walked up two flights of stairs to his quarters and fell dead from heart disease.

Trester's home is at McClure, a short distance northwest from Harrisburg. He was a widower, 54 years old, and leaves two grown sons and a daughter. He served as a private in Company I of the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was a member of McClure Post No. 355, G. A. R.

DANGER NOT YET OVER.

Nothing Can Save Valuable Timber Lands but Water Rains.

It seems that the worst danger now in Minnesota is to the southeast of Brainerd and Little Falls, and that section is being watched anxiously. Reports received by the railroads from along their lines do not indicate that the end has yet come. The Northern Pacific reports that along their line from Little Falls to cutting all the small stations, three in number, have been burned. The timber all through that section is on fire. As the timber in that section is much heavier than where the fires raged in Pine county, the railroad officials say nothing can save the whole country but a very heavy rain.

ENOCH ARDEN AGAIN.

The Long Absent Husband Returns, Finds His Successor and Leaves Again.

Fifteen years ago E. McCormick left his home near Binghamton, N. Y., for a business trip to Elgin, Ill. He never wrote home after he left, it is said, and as inquiry could reveal no facts regarding his whereabouts, he was supposed to be dead. He left two sons, all grown up.

As years passed and nothing was heard of him, his wife married Mr. Puffer. Mr. McCormick arrived in Binghamton a few days ago, and after considerable inquiry found his wife and discovered the fact that she was married again. The meeting was a great surprise to Mrs. Puffer. Mr. McCormick will leave in a few days for the west, where he means to remain. According to law Mrs. Puffer is legally married to her second husband, not having heard from her first husband in seven years.

MOROCCO TOWNS SACKED.

Defenseless Men and Women Killed or Sold into Slavery.

The "Melahs," or Hebrew quarters of the towns of Demnat, Tamellat, Sidrahah, Anemes, Kalah and Timudt, near Morocco City have been sacked. A large number of defenseless men and women were killed and many women and children sold into slavery at \$6 and \$7 each.

The gates of Morocco City have been closed, and no provisions can reach the besieged.

Muley Mohammed, the eldest son of the late Sultan, is