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Thursday, August 25, 1898.

From War to Peace.

It is two weeks since the peace protocol was signed, but the preparations for reducing both the volunteer army and the auxiliary navy are coming on apace. The task must be agreeable, since it involves cutting great slices from daily war expenses. The discharge of naval volunteer officers and naval reserves has already begun. In the navy the reductions to a peace status can be the more rapid from the destruction of Spain's fleets, which renders her resumption of operations at sea hopeless in any contingency. The army has the occupation of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine, among its tasks, but it could drop a hundred thousand men and still have more than enough left for them.

As the acquisition of vessels from the merchant service was undertaken by a board appointed for the purpose, so will it be with their return. But while chartered vessels will go back without exception, a considerable number of the purchased vessels will, we think, be retained rather than be knocked down at auction for small prices. After the civil war the Government sold rapidly the ships it had bought. These numbered 418, and over a hundred of them were not steamers. They were sacrificed at less than half their cost, but it is doubtful whether anything was allowed to go that was worth retaining.

In that war there were such requirements for the enormous blockade duties that the policy, as one authority expressed it, was to "buy everything afloat that could be made of service." In addition to the coast fleet we then had a great river flotilla, used largely in the Mississippi valley. Many of these vessels were obviously useless for permanent naval purposes, and many vessels showed the effects of a service lasting from one to four years. But the present war continued less than four months the proclamation being issued on April 22, and very little damage has been done to our auxiliary cruisers by the enemy's fire. These vessels, too, picked very carefully and skillfully by a board of naval officers, include many of high value for a permanent navy. Again, Congress several times during the last few years increased the enlisted force, so that we can easily man the auxiliary vessels kept, especially as most of them can be laid up in reserve, where they will require only a few caretakers for each.

We can make use, for example, of some of the fine colliers we have bought, because hereafter such vessels can take coal to the many new stations we shall have, as well as directly, in some cases, to squadrons on foreign stations. We can use transport ships hereafter, for, with garrison in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Ladrone and the Philippines, there will be demands for the sea transportation of troops such as we have never known in times of peace. Then there are vessels which have been fitted up at large cost for special uses, such as the repair, hospital, distilling ships, of which the costly appliances would be sacrificed by a sale of the vessels, while they would be very useful on the sudden outbreak of another war. Taking a single example, can there be any doubt of value to our permanent navy of the Yankee, Dixie, Prairie and Yosemite, whether regarded as transports or cruisers?

On the other hand, the tugs, the pleasure yachts, with their expensive interior fittings, the numerous little craft organized as a coast defensive flotilla and the auxiliary blockaders can nearly all be dispensed with, although we shall never forget the glory acquired in battle by such

auxiliary craft as the Gloucester at Santiago and the Hist Hornet, and Wompatuck. The War Department alone, it may be added, chartered for its special use over three-score vessels, and of these less than a fourth will be retained, even temporarily, for future needs.

As to discharge the army, the problem of passing from the war to the peace establishment is very simple, so far as concerns the volunteers. Following the cessation of recruiting can come the muster out of those last called for by the President, those still at State camps, and those not needed for garrisons in the Antilles and the Philippines. The early part of this work can and should be done forthwith; its later stages should depend on what may be heard from Gen. Miles and Gen. Merritt. The remaining task will be to reorganize the regular establishment so that it may be adequate for the increased duties imposed upon it by our acquisitions of territory during his memorable year.

MARRIED.

Aug. 11, at Centreville, by Rev. J. Shambach, Thomas H. Spigelmeier of Dormantown, Mifflin Co. and E. Jennie Walter of Centreville.

On the 21st inst by Rev. W. A. Haas, John H. Boyer and Carrie E. Woodruff, both of Salem.

Aug. 21, in the Lutheran Parsonage at Selinsgrove, by Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, Chas. K. Fisher and Margart Herman, both of Salem, Pa.

Eleventh Annual Snyder Co. Choir Convention.

The eleventh Annual Snyder Co. Choir Convention convened near Freeburg, Pa., Aug. 20, 1898. Favorable weather, assemblage large and fine program. The President, Prof. William Moyer took the stand at 1 P. M. Whilst the playing of "The Assembly" by Cornetist J. H. Fechrer and a selection by Freeburg Silver Cornet Band, the audience was seated and the choir placed upon the stage. Opening Anthem, "The Lord will Comfort Zion," by Union Choir, Dr. W. O. Perkins, conductor, Prof. C. Keely, organist. Devotional exercises, Rev. G. D. Druckenmiller. Mass chorus conducted by the president. Annual Address, Prof. G. E. Fisher; Vocal Solo, Mrs. W. L. Bassler; Mass Chorus, "Praise Ye the Lord." Whereas, peace has been declared by United States and Spain, one hour was occupied a Thanksgiving Service. Singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"; Devotional, Rev. W. A. Haas; "My Country 'tis of Thee"; Able addresses by Hon. A. L. Lumbard, Prof. D. S. Boyer, Dr. W. O. Perkins, Dr. E. W. Tool, Charles Miller; Solo, Prof. Warren of Scranton; Lord's Prayer; "O, Columbia the Gem of the Ocean"; L. M. Doxology; Benediction, Rev. Druckenmiller. Convention exercises resumed. "Te Deum," Trinity Lutheran Choir, Selinsgrove, A. W. Potter, Esq., leader; Music, Freeburg Orchestra and Cornet Band, during which time the Executive Committee transacted the annual business; Vocal Solo, May Arbogast, Jennie Arbogast, accompaniments; Anthem, Lutheran Choir, Freeburg, W. H. Grimm, leader, Annie M. Grimm, organist; Clarinet Solo, Clarence Tool, Ada V. Moyer, accompaniments; Anthem, Reformed Choir, Freeburg, William Moyer, leader, W. F. Brown, organist; Three Mass Choruses from "Church Choir." The chorus was sustained by Prof. Fechrer and Cloyd Hughes, cornets; W. H. Grimm, Bryan Teats, W. Houtz, violins; Wm. F. Brown, trombone; C. Tool, clarinet. Officers elected: President, Wm. Moyer; Vice President, A. W. Potter; Secretary, W. Freyman; Treasurer, Bryan Teats. Resolved to hold the 12th annual convention on the same grounds, third Saturday of August, 1899. The stage was decorated with flags and large portraits of the late war. The President thanked the Press, Dr. Perkins and all who aided in the success. Members of Ex. Comm. from ten townships and boroughs present. Finale, "Nearer My God to Thee."

SELINGSGROVE.

Miss Nunemacher of Thumont, Md., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. H. D. Schnure. Mr. Wood and friend are being entertained by Will M. Schnure. W. F. Shay and wife of Watsonstown are guests of Mrs. S's father, Squire Hower. The Misses Esterbrook of Danville are visiting friends in town. Mrs. Benson returned home from a six weeks' visit at Williamsport. A great many people from this place attended the choir convention last Saturday. Mrs. C. W. Christ and children and Mrs. M. A. Miller are visiting friends

at Bloomsburg and Berwick. Allen Boyer of Chicago is being entertained by his aunt, Mrs. B. F. Wagenseiler. Dr. Spangler and Elmer Snyder accompanied by their wives took in the excursion to Atlantic City. Mr. Weis returned home from his trip of three weeks to the sea shore. Mrs. Dr. B. F. Emerick and son Albert of Carlisle are the guests of Mrs. Kate Wagenseiler. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer of Chicago are being entertained by Dr. B. F. Wagenseiler. Misses Clara Wallace and Lizzie Miller are visiting friends in Shamokin.

PORT TREVORTON.

Early on Monday morning Jacob Snyder died at his residence about three miles south-west of Port Trevorton. He was one of the old and respected citizens of Union township, his parents being among the earliest settlers. He was buried at Grubb's church at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. A festival under the direction of Landlord Bishe was held in the Port Park Saturday evening. Two dishes of clam soup were sold. Last Wednesday after the examination was held by Prof. F. C. Bowersox, the following teachers were elected for Union township: Port Trevorton, advanced, J. S. Reichenbach; Primary, E. A. Shaffer; W. G. Herrold's, John Herrold; Simon Herrold's, D. S. Herrold; Scholl's, Geo. Scholl; Kaiser's, Lottie Spangler; Witmer's, T. S. Herrold; Narrow's, R. S. Aucker. Before the election the directors took the customary annual feast at the expense of some of the applicants. Thirteen different Sunday Schools, embracing the Lutheran, United Brethren and the United Evangelical denominations, were represented in a grand union picnic in Hall's grove at Mahatango Saturday A. crowd of three thousand people were present, fourteen speakers, the Kantz Band, the Herndon Orchestra and the Port Trevorton choir furnished entertainment for the occasion. Edwin S. Arnold and Washington, D. C., who had been visiting here for several weeks, are at present reviewing old acquaintances at McAllisterville. Among many visitors in town during the week were Mrs. Morris Royer and Mrs. Oliver Spotts, Milton; Mrs. William Stepp, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Francis Shambach, Altoona; Mrs. Edwin Wolf and Miss Stivers, Lewsburg; Mrs. G. C. Faust, Sunbury; Miss Hannah Snyder, Pillow; Mrs. Sam. Smith, Mazeppa; Miss Carvell, Liverpool; Edwin Shrawder, Shamokin; Edwin Charles, Middleburg; Henry Meck, Santiago; O. K. Neitz, Sunbury; and Chas. H. Hoffman, Chapman.

KREAMER.

The Globe Mills and Kreamer Sunday Schools have decided to have their annual picnic on Yoder & Fagley's island on Saturday, Sept. 3. There will be a festival in the evening. All are invited. A good many of our people attended the choir convention at Freeburg last Saturday. A. C. Smith and family spent a day fishing last week and caught a nice string of fish. Quite a number of our citizens contemplate taking in Grangers' picnic at Williams Grove next week. N. P. Hummel was in the coal regions the forepart of the week in the interest of A. C. Smith. Several of our cyclists rode to Shamokin Dam on Sunday to attend camp meeting. Philip Roush is making preparations to erect a new dwelling house alongside of the church.

FREEBURG.

Mrs. Hazel of Chicago is the guest of her brother, Dr. D. G. Smith. Allen Boyer of Chicago is the guest of his uncle, Prof. Boyer. Henry Boyer and wife nee Matilda Schoch arrived on Tuesday. They will attend the Schoch re-union. E. S. Arnold and wife of Washington, D. C., are visitors with B. F. Arnold. Miss Anna Adams of Shamokin is a visitor at the home of W. L. Bassler. Dr. Tool, Prof. H. B. Moyer and their families attended the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Dcppen nee Mertz at Herndon. Mrs. McMill, W. G. Moyer of Phila., Mrs. Pawling of West Milton and Bernaldot Lesinger are visitors at the parental home of Prof. Wm. Moyer. The choir convention attracted a large crowd. Propitious weather, good music, sociability conspired to make it a memorable occasion. Revs. Druckenmiller and Haas conducted devotional exercises. Prof. G. E. Fisher delivered an appropriate address of welcome. The Freeburg and Selinsgrove choirs under the respective conductors Prof. Moyer and Dr. Perkins rendered separate selections, also combined selections, Annie Grimm at the piano and W. H. Grimm, leader of Orchestra assisted by W. H. Brown, Judge Lumb-

ard, Dr. Perkins, Prof. Boyer, Dr. Tool and Charles Miller delivered addresses during the hour devoted to a peace jubilee. Prof. Moyer was re-elected President and it was resolved by the executive committee to hold the annual session of 1899, third week in August, in the same location.

Mrs. A. H. Ush of Franklin is visiting in Selinsgrove.

On Saturday and Monday the Democrats of Snyder will have their bout. Squire Housewerth of Selinsgrove reports that the convention will probably endorse the whole Republican ticket. Chairman Weiser denies this and says that the convention will nominate a full ticket.

Qualified for High Honors.
He was courting the farmer's daughter, but one night he was very forcibly ejected from the house. Later on he made another call.

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And the speaker looked at his caller in a reminiscent way.

"It did," said the young man, as a look of mingled pain and admiration came over his face; "but I thought I would come and ask you if you would like to join our football club."—Tit-Bits.

The Ears of Fame.
Uncle Dan—Well, who is this Billy Scrubbins that I hear you speak so much about? He seems to be something of a hero among you boys.

Little Johnny—Wot! Don't you know? Why he's the only feller in do Tenth ward dat kin wiggle his ears like a boss.—N. Y. World.

Devotion.
Mrs. Wilgus—I learn that your daughter has decided to enter a convent and devote herself to the Lord.

Mrs. Bilgus—She did intend to, but her former lover, Mr. Saphead, suddenly returned last night and she has decided to enter his home and devote herself to him.—N. Y. Weekly.

Had a Good Reason.
"What was your friend Mrs. Lord's maiden name? She never uses it in writing her signature."

"No, it wouldn't do at all. Her maiden name was Goode."—Chicago Tribune.

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"Don't worry," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "over things that cannot be remedied. A little perusal of the patent medicine ads will show that there is a remedy for everything."—Indianapolis Journal.

What Caused the Riot.
Biggs—So Cheatem is behind the bars at last. It does me good to see the old scoundrel in the soup.

Boggs—Yes; he is now what you might call a consummed villain.—Judge.

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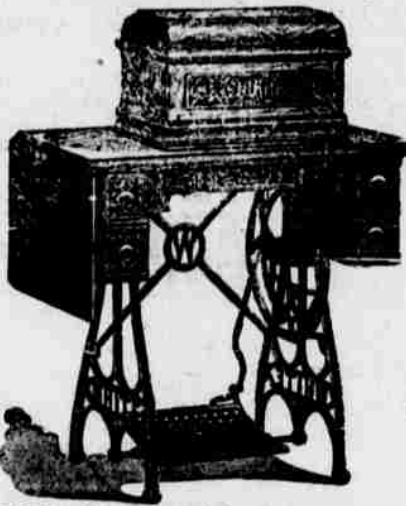
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