

## VETERANS OF THE WAR WITH SPAIN

Ninth National Encampment at Atlantic City In September.

NOTABLES WILL BE PRESENT.

Governor Wilson, Colonel Roosevelt and Probably President Taft—State of New Jersey Has Appropriated \$15,000 For Entertainment.

Among the attractions of the ninth national encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 7 to 14 may be three candidates for president of the United States. The presence of Governor Woodrow Wilson is assured, for he has accepted an invitation to address the veterans and their families and friends on the steel pier the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 10. President Taft has tentatively accepted the opportunity to speak to veterans representing every state in the Union, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Cuba, the canal zone, Alaska and British Columbia. Theodore Roosevelt also has promised to attend.

New Jersey through its legislature appropriated \$15,000 for suitable entertainment and display at Atlantic City during the encampment week, and Governor Wilson appointed Walker Whiting Vick of Rutherford, G. Ford Ege of Jersey City and Judge Daniel A. Dugan of Orange, all Spanish War Veterans, as the United Spanish War Veterans' encampment commission to expend the money. The commission has established headquarters in the Bell-Riddle building, Atlantic City, in charge of Robert E. Tiwood.

### War Notables Invited.

There also will be twenty-one congressmen who are Spanish War Veterans in attendance, including Hobson, and other notables, such as Admiral Dewey and General Miles, have been invited.

From reveille on Saturday, Sept. 7, until taps on Thursday, Sept. 13, there will not be an idle moment for the 5,000 veterans who will be present. Entertainments of all kinds will divide the week with the business sessions of the encampment on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10 and 11. Special honors will be paid to the Maine survivors and medal of honor men of the war.

The standard of the commander in chief, Maurice Simmons of New York city, will be hoisted at the Hotel Rudolf, and the New Jersey state commission will establish its headquarters at the Hotel Chalfonte. Saturday night at the Chalfonte the Ladies' auxiliary will hold its annual reception. Mrs. Edie M. Record of Denver, president general of that organization, and her staff will receive. The official encampment band will give a concert.

Sunday, in the Criterion theater, on the board walk, Rev. Robert Arthur Elwood, captain in chief, and Rev. J. Madison Hare of Jersey City, department chaplain, will conduct services. Monday there will be two business sessions of the encampment, and Mayor Riddle will present a gold key to the commander in chief, symbolizing the freedom of the city. All sessions will be in the auditorium of the steel pier, where on Monday night in the ballroom a military reception will be held. The same night Colonel John Jacob Astor camp, No. 28, will hold a monster campfire in a local hall.

### Tuesday the Big Day.

Tuesday will be the big day of the week, with notable visitors, including the state senate and house of assembly of New Jersey. A business session in the morning will be followed by a military parade in the afternoon on the board walk. Walter E. Edge, senator from Atlantic county and a veteran, will be grand marshal.

United States Senators Frank O. Briggs and James E. Martine and Congressman William Hughes of New Jersey will secure from the secretaries of war and navy regular troops and bluejackets, and Adjutant Wilbur F. Sadler of New Jersey will turn out part of the national guard. Local uniformed organizations will escort the veterans, who will parade in department formations. Moving pictures will be made of the parade, and Governor Wilson will review it.

Tuesday evening on the steel pier Colonel Roosevelt, Governor Wilson and probably President Taft will address the encampment at an open session. Wednesday will witness two business sessions with election of officers. A spirited contest is on for commander in chief. Oscar Taylor of Pittsburgh, John Lewis Smith of Washington and C. Albert Gasser of Newark, N. J., are candidates.

Wednesday night will furnish a spectacular parade, the annual crawl of the Military Order of the Serpent. Filipinos in native costume will participate, with carabaos drawing carts. Five hundred veterans who have applied for admission to the order, which was founded by service men of the Philippine Islands and based on the mysteries practiced by votaries of the snake god Katipunah, will carry an immense serpent on their shoulders. Thousands of members of the order in costume will escort the neophytes, marching in serpentine fashion, who will be initiated in a large hall. Red fire, fireworks and music will be accompaniments of the parade.

## Collection of Custer's Relics Given to the National Museum

Coat Worn as Scout by General In Fights Against the Indians.

White Towel That Was Utilized as Flag of Truce at Appomattox.

An interesting collection recently has been installed in the Hall of History in the National museum, in Washington, consisting of articles donated and lent by Mrs. George A. Custer, widow of Brevet Major General George A. Custer, U. S. A.

General Custer is probably best remembered for his achievements in the many Indian fights in which he participated and by his record as an Indian scout. The collection includes a memento of this phase of his career in the form of the white buckskin coat in which he has been most often pictured as a plainsman and scout. This coat is in excellent condition and looks as if the general had just removed it and hung it up. It has deep collar and cuffs and is heavily fringed with slashed buckskin trimmings. The pockets are made much as in modern sporting coats, while the buttons are of the regular army pattern of the period. This coat calls to mind the services General Custer rendered the government in the campaigns against the Sioux in 1876 and 1877, in the last of which, the battle of the Little Big Horn, he met his death.

Accompanying the coat are a yellow plumed cavalry helmet and a buckskin gauntlet, both worn during his active service against the Indians from 1866 to 1876, while lieutenant colonel Seventh cavalry, U. S. A.

### Coat He Was Married In.

There is also a blue regulation army officer's coat, with two starred straps, plush collar and cuffs, the coat which he wore on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bacon, Feb. 9, 1864.

A straight cavalry saber of tremendous size is also included in the collection. It was a spoil of war captured by Major Drew, who presented it to General Custer, since he knew of no other man able to wield such a large weapon. It has a Toledo blade, on which is engraved in Spanish, "Do not draw me without cause and do not sheathe me without honor."

A Virginia state flag, a prize of the general's personal prowess, captured by him in 1861, when a lieutenant, is also on exhibition. It is supposed to be the first standard captured by the Army of the Potomac.

One object of great historical significance, though of rather an unromantic nature, is half of a white towel that figured conspicuously in the battle just preceding the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. It seems that while General Lee had gone to the rear of the Confederate lines to secure an interview with General Grant, leaving

### LINCOLN-LEE-GRANT STATUE.

Representative Pou's Bill Provides For an Imposing Structure.

The construction of a Lincoln-Lee-Grant memorial in Washington at an expense of \$1,250,000 is proposed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Pou of North Carolina. It provides for an appropriation of \$250,000 for the erection of a statue of General Robert E. Lee directly opposite the statue now being erected to the memory of ex-President Grant. It also provides for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the erection of an arch over Pennsylvania avenue, connecting the base of the Grant statue with the base of the Lee statue. The arch would be known as the Lincoln peace memorial arch, and every state in the Union would be invited to furnish material to be used in its construction.

The construction of the memorial would be under the supervision of a commission to consist of the secretary of war, General B. H. Young, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and General Harvey M. Trimble, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Grant statue is directly west of the capitol in the botanical gardens.

### COMPLETES BOOK AT 95.

Oldest American Author Was a Preacher Seventy Years.

Colonel David Jordan Higgins of Los Angeles, ninety-five years old, who has just completed a book on "American Life in the Nineteenth Century," is probably the oldest living American author. Colonel Higgins is still active and is eagerly awaiting the Grand Army of the Republic encampment next month. Though a close student all his life, Colonel Higgins still reads without glasses.

His book, which represents the work of several years, is semi-historical and describes his personal experiences and observations. Colonel Higgins was a Methodist preacher for seventy years.

### Biggest Bull Moose Head.

The biggest bull moose head in the world, not excepting the collection recently gathered in Chicago, is in the possession of John P. Bible of Hopkinsville, Ky. The moose weighed 2,350 pounds and stood seven feet and a half high. Official sporting records show this is the largest head in preservation.

General Longstreet in command, General Gordon's division became hard pressed by the enemy and called on Longstreet for assistance. Not being able to furnish it at the time, Longstreet sent his inspector general, Major R. M. Simms, to suggest to Gordon the sending of a flag of truce to the Federals requesting a suspension of hostilities pending the interview between Lee and Grant.

### Used Towel as Flag.

Following this suggestion, Gordon at once dispatched Simms to the Federal commander, Sheridan, with this request. As Major Simms galloped toward the lines of the Federals he searched his haversack for something white to cover his advance, but found only a towel. This he drew out and waved above his head as he approached the enemy. The Union soldiers caught sight of the white towel, held their fire, and under this improvised flag Simms was allowed to enter the lines, where he was met by Colonel Whittaker and taken to General Custer, who was in command of that part of the field. Neither of these officers, however, cared to declare a temporary cessation of hostilities just then, feeling that they had the advantage of the fight and held the southern army at their mercy.

So Simms was obliged to return to his own lines without accomplishing his purpose. He left the towel in the hands of Colonel Whittaker, who took half of it and gave the other portion to General Custer. It was only shortly after the incident just mentioned that Sheridan and Gordon met and established a temporary truce which held until the conference between Grant and Lee terminated the war.

### Historic Table.

Most important among this collection of war relics is a little oval table of wood, much battered and scarred, on which General Grant wrote the letter, containing the terms of surrender of General Lee at the home of William McLean, near Appomattox Court House, Va. Immediately after this event the table was purchased by General Sheridan and given to General Custer as a present for his wife. General Sheridan's letter of presentation, dated April 10, 1865, the day following the surrender, which is included in the collection, corroborates this statement.

The collection also includes a pin made from a piece of conch shell, once a button from the coat of General Washington, presented by a relative of the general to Custer. Later Custer had it mounted in gold for his wife who wore it for many years as a brooch.

### PLAN A GREAT WINDBREAK.

Government Thus Will Save Valuable Land in the Columbia Valley.

An improvement in the reclamation work that is now being done by the government will be put into effect on the Umatilla project, in Oregon, when the forestry department, working with the reclamation service, will lay the foundation for a great windbreak that will protect the 30,000 acres of land that are to be put under irrigation. More than 3,000 acres will be taken up by the forests and shrubs that are to be grown for this purpose.

It has been found on the various irrigation projects that have been put under way in the valley of the Columbia river that the greatest drawback has been the high winds which often prevail there. These at times have destroyed fruit trees and vegetable crops and, in cases of sandy land, of which there is a great deal, have played havoc.

On the Umatilla project the entire tract is to be surrounded by a barrier of trees and shrubs 500 feet deep. The locust, cottonwood, poplar and yellow pine are the trees chosen because of their quick growth. They will be planted in such fashion that they can be lumbered from time to time and so pay for the soil they cover.

Planted on the land north and south at frequent intervals will be other strips of timber 200 feet wide. Through these will be constructed the canals and roads necessary for the people who live on the tract.

### STUDYING HOLES IN CHEESE.

Government Scientists Hope to Learn How to Make Them Artificially.

What makes the holes in cheese? The whisky, beer and hen problems, over which the government's learned scientists have studied, argued and almost fought, have been laid aside for research into the causes of the little winding tunnels that penetrate a swiss cheese.

Holes in cheese, say the men of science, are dollars and cents to the merchant, for they indicate a grade and value. So they propose to learn how they may be encouraged.

Carbon dioxide, nitrogen, hydrogen and some of the other imps of chemistry have to do with making the holes, and the professors with the retorts and blow pipes hope to find a way so every little cheese may have some channels all its own.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

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R. W. RAYMOND, Adm'r.

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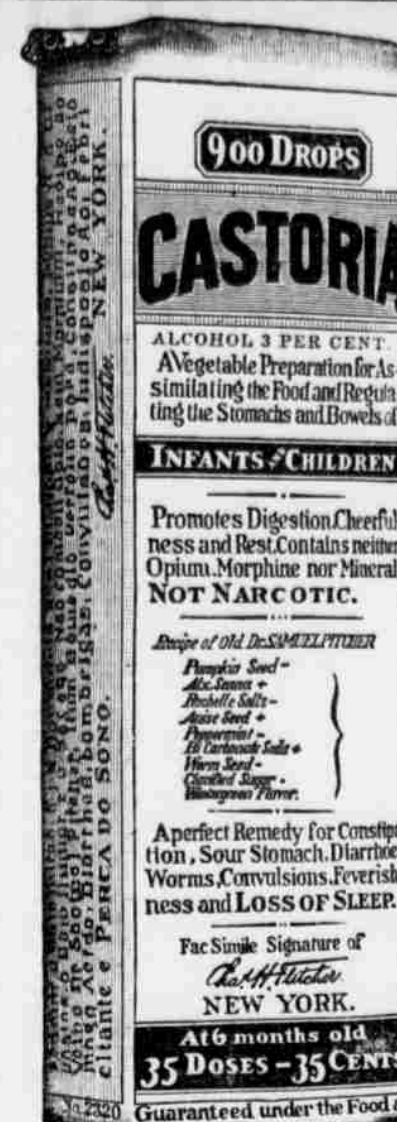
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