Valley Soldiers Fight at Vera Cruz From the History of 109th Field Artillery

(Continued from last week)

there left to the mercy of the winds and waves. * * ' It is needless to recount the incidents and petty annoyances of the voyage; but after ing heights. It is followed by other

tremely restive and impatient at the great length of the voyage, we found ourselves in line on Mexwhich they very justly considered ican soil. uselessly prolonged; and one Saturday afternoon they assembled upon day the * * * work of forming a the upperdeck and organized a semi-circle around the doomed city, meeting. Phil Ritsell, a rollicking a belt of fire, as it were, was comley and proceeded to address the as- powder in real downright earnest semblage. Just such a speech was and the men behaved well.' down on Monday then every man took possession of the city." would come from below and cut his "One man, however, showed the

a haven—an oasis where health was capable, said: 'Well, fellows, I know throughout the east and west. to be regained or least freedom to I am a coward; but just wait until Collateral meetings were held by Marr, Wanda Perkuroski, Claire ed them on shipboard. These men, he kept his word." number, and it was a glad moment the of Cerro Gordo. General Pillow latter were held each evening at anist, Marguerite Corigan.

ence and of coral formation was and Shields made the attack to our covered with tropical growth, and right and made the flanking movecrabs, scorpions, centipedes and while we made the holding or frontarantulas * * * Water was secur- tal attack. As the other troops ared by sinking barrels inland in the rived in the Mexican rear great fied. It was brackish and execrable, in all. It was a serious defeat for The heat was intense; and with fat the Mexicans and their General Sanpork and unbaked flour as the ta Anna 'without escort, almost principle ration, it is remarkable without companions', barely esthat the men preserved the sem- caped.' blance of health. Sea bathing, however, was a frequent and daily pastime. * * * There was music, long strolls along the beach in search of shells * * * songs, practical jokes. Then too there were daily sompany drills. * * * Altogether, life on Lobos was rather pleasant than oth-

"Thus the sultry days of February wore away. Ships were continually arriving and disembarking other regiments. No official notice of destination had as yet been given, but it was well understood that a landand that terrible castle of San Juan d'Ulua, about which so much had been written, was a great bugbear.'

On March 2d we embarked again, and the old ship was nearly wrecked on the coast. "I will not attempt to describe the scene. It was awfully sublime. Captain Dana was in raptures, and seated upon a coil of rope, on the Road Back to Health! he rapidly sketched the rocky promontory, with the angry waves between, and the sun looking like a great ball of fire, about to sink beneath the western horizon."

We landed on March 8th three miles south of Vera Cruz. "It was a moment of supreme suspense to

those on shipboard, and they could feel their hearts beat with the intensity of suppressed emotions as "Upon arriving at New Orleans they watched with eager eyes each the regiment was ordered into camp sweep of the oars, each foot of progupon the old battle ground six miles ress made by the surf boats, as they below the city. * * * It was about rapidly neared the beach. At length the middle of January when the they ground. The men leap into the Artillerists, with three other com- water, waist deep, and rush to the panies, embarked on board the shore. Lines are formed as though "Russell Glover," a crazy old hulk by magic. For a very brief space of about fifteen hundred tons burth-there was a halt. Suddenly a regien which was towed to the south- ment breaks from the line, and with west pass of the Mississippi, and a dash and a wild hurrah, which is being at sea for twenty days, with regiments, and now the struggle is, no possible means of providing for to be first in planting regimental ordinary cleanliness, the stench be- colors upon the eminence. The vestween decks became intolerable, al- sels are crowded, from top to taffrail with eager, excited spectators. "The men having exhausted every means of amusement, became ex-

" * * * it was quite dusk when

"At peep of dawn the following

probably never heard before or "The siege lasted just twenty days, since. It was overflowing with witty from the landing until the surrender quaint sayings, delivered in the although the time seemed much Pennsylvania English-Dutch vernac- longer. While a party of foragers sell's lips as though it was his na- collecting beef they were attacked tive mother-tongue and probably it by Mexican troops and had to be was. Among many other good rescued by a force under General things, he said that the captain of Patterson. This was the battle or the ship was sailing around trying rather skirmish of Madelin. On the to find a whale, which he wanted 28th of March the city of Vera Cruz to show Colonel Wynkoop, and that surrendered, their army marched out when he (Capt. Tripe) came up to of the city between two parallel lines Pottsville the Colonel was going to of ours, grounded their arms and prove to you that our school should name of any school, while making show him the coal mines. A series took up the line of the march for have a nickname. There are several identification simple, makes headof ludicrous resolutions were then the interior. Our bands played Hail reasons to be discussed on this sub- lines difficult. Nicknames of many passed one of which declared that Columbia, the Star Spangled Banner ject. One is a nickname is shorter famous baseball teams, football as the morrow was Sunday no action and Yankee Doodle while the field to say. The students in school should squads, and schools have resulted would be taken on that day, but if batteries and the guns in the castle be proud to have a nice nickname; from some newswriter's imagination they did not come to land by sun- and forts saluted and our troops not only proud, but they should like and desire to make a shorter head-

of the officers, knowing little of the picked up the abandoned implement temper of the men with whom they had to deal, were thoroughly alarm-the frightened soldier, considering ball teams as well as the school." had to deal, were thoroughly alarmthe frightened soldier, considering ball teams as well as the school."

ed. That evening they were paraded the occasion worthy of a little forMiss Shaver's editorial meets with by companies and regaled with the mality, he said: 'Daniel, here is your the approval of all newspapermen ful, so they selected the name of articles of war, read in a stentorian gun and cap. If you had mentioned who have to write headlines. Long the terrier who is canny and wise, voice and with an unction that was that you were going to leave us so names such as Dallas Borough, to gentle and refined but who has the side you were going to leave us so suddenly I would have taken charge of them for you. As it happened I Kingston Township to distinguish and get want he wants. "Whether the meeting and resolu- have brought them along, thinking tions had corrected Capt. Tripe's you might possibly need them some reckoning and aided him in observations, or whether the ship had been whose name is not given for apparon its course all the time, and the ent reasons, was an arrogant bragvoyage was lengthened out by accigart and bully. He had boasted dent rather than design, it would what terrible things he was going be difficult to say at this day. It is to do with Santa Anna and his certain, however, that the island army and overawed the modest men hove in sight on Monday afternoon." of the company with his blatant

A general landing on Lobos Istalk. With a single incident we will land "was impracticable the evening dismiss him from further considera- lege Misericordia represented the in the Little Theatre at 1:00 p. m., of the arrival; but there were scores tion. He 'played sick' and shirked college at the annual convention of on February 20th. The program was of men on board the vessel who the battle of Cerro Gordo. When ac- the National Association of Deans a group of selections by Robert were desperately sick—who had cused of cowardice by some men of Women's College held in Atlantic Schumann. had been stricken by the pestilen- who did not fear him as a bully, he City through the past week. More tial atmosphere between decks and straightened himself, and with a than 500 representatives registered, linists, Helen Grown, Mary Helen were as utterly helpless as infants. peculiar wag of the head and the 120 of whom were from colleges con-Beline, Marie Morris, Florence Banks, To them even this desert island was immense effontry of which he was ducted by various religious orders Nancy Gallagher, Nancy O'Brien

when his feet touched the beach." had made himself unpopular with The island, a mile in circumfer- our men. Generals Twiggs, Worth inhabited by "myriads of lizards and ment which got to the enemy's rear yielding sand. Of course it was only numbers of them on our immediate sea water filtered and partially puri- front surrendered, three thousand

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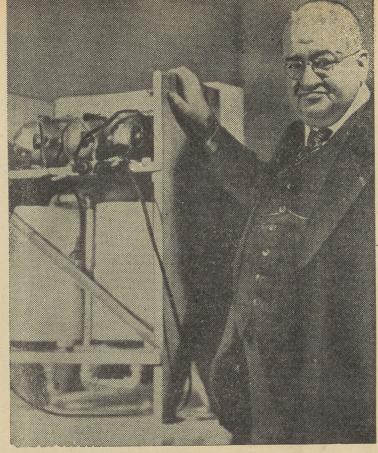
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Shown with a washing machine of his invention, Michael Borislavsky, printer from Philadelphia, was called menced. * * * Our position was the Russian-born inventor, was found shot to death in New York City soon upon to state its objects. He ac- right and left center, fronting the after he had boasted that he expected to get \$500,000 from the United cordingly mounted the cook's gal- city. That morning we sniffed gun- States for a new type bomb he had invented. Borislavsky was a colonel in the Russian White Army.

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Pennsylvania English-Dutch vernac- longer. While a party of foragers ular, which fell as glibly from Rus- including some of our company were

Not everybody likes his nickname but Dallas Borough High School hasn't got one and its students are on the alert to find one-short and catchy—that will please everybody.

Carol Shaver crystalizes the desire in the following editorial in the latest issue of the Hi-Light, student publication:

"This editorial has been written to of the word, "township" after the to have one."

"It would increase the school name on deck, as a testimony of white feather, unmistakably. He spirit, distinguish Dallas Borough tion falls on fertile ground all their appreciation of Capt. Tripe's dropped his gun, lost his cap, and from Dallas Township and make our schools will soon have nickname skill as a navigator. Of course this ran as though for dear life. Sam school more outstanding, especially for their teams. Lehman High was all bosh and only resorted to Marks, one of the Lewistown boys, if it were a good original name. As School already has one, having se as a means of amusement, but some who never knew what fear was, to its relation to the teams it would lected the name "Scottie" as theirs

from Kingston Borough, and the use

If Miss Shaver's editorial sugges Miss Shaver's editorial meets with nor are its teams ferocious or boast-

Campus Brevities

The President and Dean of Col-

breathe the free air, untainted by we are going home, and I will tell the National Association of Person-Mullens, Mary Mangan, Marion the foul atmosphere which surround- the biggest story of any of you'; and nel Workers; the National Vocation- Jones; celloists, Mary Rogers, Audal Guidance Association; and by a rey Senior; bass, Barbara Cook; saxthe surgeon, who was a humane "After a few days' rest we march- special chapter of Catholic Deans, aphone, Sadie Morris; trombone, Jogentleman, determined to land at ed as part of Pillow's Brigade and organized with the approval of the sephine De Simone; cornet, Helen once. The writer was one of this on the 18th of April fought the bat- National Association. Meetings of the Grzeszkiewicz, Marie McCarthy; pi-

Rita Mercy Hall with Doctor Eugenia Leonardi, associate professor of Guidance at the C. U. A., presiding, and with College Misericordia's Dean

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