

TEXAS BOGS HALT FOOD FOR GUARD

Motor Trucks, Hub Deep in Mud, Await Rescue by the Sun.

MAY HAVE TO MOVE CAMP SCORPION

Sixteen Showers to One Day at McAllen, but No Silver Lining to Clouds.

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Headquarters Sixth Field Division, United States Army, McAllen, Tex., Aug. 1.—Fred Cole, who plays Simon Legree in the Western Union office here while a half dozen perspiring Uncle Toms at the telegraph keys chase dots and dashes over the 2,500 mile wire to New York, probably will see that McAllen and Texas are mentioned in the date line above this story.

But the story, nevertheless, is coming straight out of Mudville, Mud County, State of Morass.

The fact that it has rained nearly every day since the militia advance guard struck the border—and that after more than a year of drouth and in a season which is usually the driest of the dry—has been duly chronicled, and repeatedly. But these little cloudbursts are as nothing compared to what has been happening in the last twenty-four hours.

Mud Is Vehicle-Dotted.

Since last evening it has rained exactly sixteen times and rained hard and long—Seventeen! It is raining again. Or perhaps it would be better to say it has stopped raining sixteen times, for it is much longer between stops than between showers. The roads radiating out of McAllen, Pharr and Mission were never much to brag about. Early rains had made them soggy and they were impassable. Now they have become sargassos of mud, and for miles around the country is dotted with all manner of self-propelled—other things being equal—vehicles from feather-weight Fords to 5-ton motor trucks. They stand hub deep in the muck, and where they stand they will stay until the sun comes to the rescue.

On most of the trucks are foodstuffs and other supplies for the New York camps, and the Guardsmen, who must find some other way to transport them or go hungry, bitterly lament the passing of the old-fashioned, reliable, land mud and sea going army mule.

Camp Scorpion Now a Lake.

But the big inconvenience to the troops is not represented by the stalled trucks.

What was Camp Scorpion, here at McAllen, has become Lake Scorpion. Despite all the provisions that have been made to keep a rain from drowning out the men, despite all the pretty high-crowned roads that have been built through camp, all the gutters and all the drains, the downpour has simply been too heavy to be carried away.

Fisk Boulevard and Bates Avenue, running through the camps of the 7th Infantry and the 71st, for whose commanders they were named, have flowed; likewise the dug-out company streets. The hard-packed dirt floors of the tents have become beds of ooze. In the camp of the 12th Infantry, which lies in a depression between the 7th and 71st, conditions are so bad that it is probable that the water will be abandoned. Certainly the regiment will have to move if the great drain which Colonel Gordon Johnston is having dug proved inadequate.

Guardsmen Sleep on Mud.

If there isn't a great jump in the percentage of men on sick report to-morrow the folks back home may rest content that their military representatives on the border can stand almost anything in the hardship line.

For it is on the oozy floors the men will have to sleep. None but officers have cots. Only a poncho and an army blanket will lie between the backs of the rank and file and the muck.

When the Guardsmen crawl out at reveille what they have to do is to one another may start a hurry up movement to bring cots into camp. Morale and rheumatism do not mix well, and at any rate, militiamen from other states are known to enjoy the luxury of sleeping off the ground.

Twenty-two cars of provisions are in. But for lack of mobile trucks to carry them to the place where they are needed, the supplies are being piled along the right of way and covered with tarpaulins.

If the rations are transferred to camp before the roads have dried, the Arabian Nights bird that undertook to empty the granary.

Mud Prevents Practice Hike.

Company H, of the 22d Engineers, has been waiting for days to start on a practice hike to San Antonio. The company has tried to get under way more than once, but each time its supply trucks have been halted by the mud.

Robert McCoskey Butt, son of General McCoskey Butt, is at Brownsville. He was sent to the base hospital there, suffering from hardening of the arteries, which unites him for military duty. Up to to-night Butt, it was reported, had been unable to get his transportation arranged for. In his case the delay makes little difference, but officers here are wondering where the blame would lie if it were imperative that he be removed to the base.

The trouble at the base hospital probably will be revealed when Lieutenant Colonel Vanderbilt, who investigated conditions there, compiles his report.

Senate Passes Flood Relief.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The Senate late to-day adopted Senate Underwood's joint resolution to appropriate \$540,000 for relief of flood sufferers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and North and South Carolina. The resolution will be urged in the House to-morrow.

New Observation Library Lounging Car Train

Lackawanna Railroad. East New York 2 P. M. (D. L. & W. R. R.). At Chicago 3 P. M. (M. C. & St. P. R.). At New York 10:30 P. M. (New York & New Jersey R.R.).

Aeroplaneless Aero Corps Fit, But Not Equipped for War

Thirty-six Aviators Encamped on Hempstead Field Have Plenty of Valor, but Not a Single Aircraft, Rifle or Pistol—Mustered in June 28, Are Displaced at Delay.

NEW 22D ASKED BY 8,000 VETS

Will Beg Whitman Not to Allow Name of Old Regiment to Die.

SAY EXPERIENCED MEN WILL ENLIST

Petition for Organization To Be Forwarded to Governor in Next Few Days.

The organization of a new 22d Infantry, National Guard of New York, is urged in a petition now being formulated for consideration by Governor Whitman by the Defendans Association, to which about 8,000 veterans of the old 22d Regiment belong. The reorganization of the 22d Engineers, now at the border, as a regiment of six companies, to be known as the 1st Engineers, threatens the loss of the old numerals, and the veterans want the name of their regiment retained.

Colonel George F. Potter, chairman of the committee having the petition in charge, said yesterday interest in the movement was so great that he hoped to be able to forward the request to the Governor in a few days.

To Wage Vigorous Campaign.

Colonel J. R. Silliman, president of the Defendans Association, General George W. Wingate and Henry Clews are also interested in the movement.

It was the bitter fight put up by the veterans of the regiment which resulted in the retaining of the numerals "22" when the old regiment was disbanded, about two years ago, and an equally vigorous campaign is to be waged now.

In asking for the authority to form the new regiment the association says of the thousands of veterans of the 22d many men within the age limit, enough to exceed the number required for home service, will quickly enlist.

Can Furnish Experienced Men.

Declaring that it would be an act of justice to permit the large majority of members of the 22d who were discharged or retired at the time of disbanding again to serve the nation, the petition continues:

"The organization of the 22d Regiment of Infantry would best serve the interests of the state and country, as it would provide a regiment largely composed of experienced, efficient and well drilled men.

"It is further respectfully submitted that the only way the famous esprit de corps, so significant of the 22d Regiment, can be maintained and made available is through the organization from the veterans of the 22d of a regiment. Competent, experienced officers now on the reserve list and ex-officers can be furnished."

JERSEY GUARDSMEN MAY VOTE IN FIELD

State Officials Decide Law Gives Them That Right.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 1.—It will not be necessary for the New Jersey Legislature to meet in special session and pass an enabling act in order that the 5,000 members of the National Guard of that state in service on the border may vote in the general and primary elections.

The Guardsmen are entitled to vote without this procedure, it was announced to-day after a conference in which Governor James F. Fielder, Secretary of State Martin and B. L. Boggs, Assistant Attorney General, took part. Mr. Boggs will draft a formal opinion on the matter.

Villa Near Capture by Carranzistas, Is Report

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Aug. 1.—Villa has escaped Carranzista columns pursuing him in Northern Durango by only a few miles several times in the last few weeks, according to a report which General Jacinto Trevino announced he had received to-day from General Ernesto Garcia in the Penoles district.

General Garcia, who is supporting General Matias Ramos, said his command had killed more than eighty Villa followers since it left Parral, July 11, and captured many others, all of whom were executed. Villa's power has been broken, the report says.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 1.—General Funston sent to the War Department at Washington to-night a telegram announcing his intention to rid the various National Guard camps of newspaper correspondents who send out false accounts of conditions in the camps. He referred to such men as "pests," and said he had endured them as long as he purposed to.

An order has been sent to all district commanders along the border covering future action against newspaper men sending out dispatches which may be classed as untruthful. In each instance the offender will be tried by a special court of militia officers from his state. If found guilty he will be ordered from camp.

"Only Molluscoides Kick."

"The great mass of the guardsmen are standing the hardships of camp life no cause for complaint. It is only molluscoides and sissies who kick. These are the ones that tell tales to special correspondents."

The general's telegram, which was sent to the adjutant general, said: "I wish to call the attention of the War Department to the carnival of lying being indulged in by many of the correspondents who accompanied the state troops to the border. I have never seen or heard of anything that approached it for sheer maliciousness and shamelessness."

"While there are honorable exceptions, many of these correspondents are men of no judgment or balance, or have so little experience of the world that they seem to have no sense of balance or proportion. Ordinary inconveniences or deprivations that to a man with a real soldierly instincts are merely subjects for jokes are magnified by them into the most distressing stories."

"Lies Out of Whole Cloth."

"They persistently neglect to say anything about the excellent and creditable things that they see, and if they can see nothing to find fault with, manufacture lies out of whole cloth. The effect is to distress needlessly the families and friends of members of the state organizations and make people of other nations think we are a degenerated race of sissies and molluscoides, incapable of being made into soldiers."

"I have endured these pests as long as I propose to, and shall hereafter bar offenders from camps and prohibit them from accompanying troops on the march."

ROOKIES MARCH ON KEESEVILLE

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PLAN ARMY TRAINING FOR BROOKLYN BOYS

Citizens Boom Camp in United States Officers' Charge.

A plan to give 10,000 Brooklyn boys and 1,000,000 boys in the United States the training of those who are now in the boys' camp at Fort Hamilton was inaugurated yesterday by citizens of Brooklyn. Boys between twelve and sixteen are eligible and will be trained in an industrial and military way throughout the winter, with two months in camp during the summer under the direction of regular officers of the United States army.

While the work at Fort Hamilton will be followed, it is also planned to introduce many new ideas which will supplement the work of the Boy Scouts and similar organizations. The hope of the citizens