ARDOR OF GUARDS DEFIES RAINSTORM

Evil Weather at Mt. Gretna Is Taken as Part of Game by Soldiers

VISITORS THRONG CAMPS

By a Staff Correspondent

Camp Fetzer, Mt. Gretna, Pa., Aug. 9.—A series of severe thunderstorms failed to dampen the ardor of the Philadelphia infantrymen who joined the National Guard encampment here Saturday.

It has been a real baptism for the rookies, but they have accepted their lot manfully and today got down to intensive training without a murmur.

The Philadelphians are part of the First and Second provisional regiments in command of Brigadier General Edward C. Shannon. They are located near the Thirteenth Infantry, about three miles from division headquarters and on the road to Fountain Head field, where the Philadelphia cavalrymen are.

After the Sunday reprieve, full of social activities with a record-breaking crowd of visitors from Philadelphia and nearby, the 500 Philadelphia infantrymen here for the second training period of the camp got down to "hard pins" beginning at 5:20 this morning, the hour of the much loved "first call."

An Eight-Hour Day

It is an eight-hour day of intensive training in fundamentals and tactics that confronts the doughboys for the next two weeks. If the heat of the last two days continues it may be necessary to ease this program somewhat, but camp commanders are eager to give the troops, especially the rookies, all they can stand.

Many rookies from Philadelphia did not get uniforms until today. It was a sad-looking, nondescript "army" that dotted the green fields yesterday in makeshift tents turned into so many islands by the heavy rainstorms of Saturday night. The rookies waded through mud to get their equipment with blinding flashes of lightning as their only illumination. Several of the companies did not get "mess" going until after 10 p. m., but the boys will vouch for it that their first meal in camp was a healthy one.

Colonel George E. Kemp commands the Third Regiment, and Colonel Jackson W. Study is the "Co" of the First. Colonel Franklin P. Haller is in command of the scattered companies of the Sixth, from counties adjacent to Philadelphia.

"Best Girl" Inspects

The 6000 guardsmen now here made the most of yesterday's holiday and the company "streets" were critically inspected by "Bill's best girl", who came here in legion; also "Ma" and "Pa."

It was intensely hot all day, but clear skies favored the doughboys and visitors until late afternoon, when another thunderstorm broke and sent the guardsmen scurrying to their tents. Earlier in the day several thousand of the new citizen soldiers of the Twenty-eighth Division gamboled in the cooling waters of Conewago lake, nestled between two mountain peaks near division headquarters. The spiritual needs of the guardsmen were well looked after by the several army chaplains, including the Rev. Joseph L. N. Wolfe, "fighting chaplain of the Twenty-eighth Division," and a curate of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Philadelphia. Open-air services were held by each regiment and the Catholic chaplains celebrated field masses in several parts of the big reservation.

Major General Price made a complete tour of the camp early today and was well pleased with the condition of the tented city and the morale of the men.

Pistol Brandisher Arrested

Daring the world to come and fight him, William Lewis, of South street, stood last night at the corner of Twelfth and Lombard streets and waved a long revolver. The world did not accept the invitation, but Special Officer Crile, of the Twelfth and Pine streets station, came along and invited Lewis to go to the station house with him. Lewis agreed. Magistrate O'Brien said that the amount required for bail was $1000.

PLAN MEMORIAL PANEL

Mosaic in Honor of Bishop Fitzmaurice Will Cost About $3000

Plans for the placing of a panel in St. Agatha's Church, Thirty-eighth and Spring Garden streets, as a memorial to the late Bishop John E. Fitzmaurice, have been completed by members of the church. The panel will be a mosaic of brilliant coloring and will cost approximately $3000.

Bishop Fitzmaurice founded St. Agatha's Church more than fifty years ago, and served as rector there for twenty-one years. He left St. Agatha's to become rector of St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook. After serving there for about four years he was made bishop of Erie.

LE RELAZIONI TRA L'ITALIA E RUSSIA

L'Ottima Impressione Prodotta Dalle Dichiarazioni del Ministro Degli Esteri

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Roma, 8 agosto. — Le dichiarazoni sulla politica estera, fatte dal Conte Sforza, Ministro per gli Affari Esteri, durante la seduta di ieri l'altro alla Camera dei Deputati, hanno trovato profonda eco di simpatia in tutti gli ambienti e nella stampa, ad eccezione del giornale l'Avanti, il quale tace di parlare del successo ottenuto dal Ministro quando ha annunziato la ripresa delle relazioni con la Russia ed il riconoscimento del Governo Bolscevico di Mosca.

Le dichiarazioni fatte dal Conte Sforza rientrano appunto in quel programma tracciato dall'On. Giolitti, programma che mira ad appropriarsi delle piu' popolari iniziative dei socialisti e delle altre opposizioni, dandovi immediata esecuzione. In tal modo l'On. Giolitti pone i socialisti, e gli oppositori in generale, in condizioni di dover tacere.

Telegrammi giunti da Parigi recano che in quei circoli si nota una certa costernazione per le dichiarazioni sulla politica estera, di cui sopra, ed e' oggetto di commenti vivacissimi il fatto che nel momento in cui Francia ed Inghilterra si accingono a tentare una coalizione armata contro la Russia, l'Italia invece riconosce il Governo Bolscevico, con relativo scambio di rappresentanti commerciali e diplomatici.

Il giornale francesi lanciano insinuazioni e gridano al tradimento. Le insinuazioni arrivano sino al punto di lasciar credere che siasi costituito un blocco italo-russo-tedesco, allo scopo di far perdere alla Francia ed all'Inghilterra quanto esse hanno guadagnato nella guerra.

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MYSTERY IN DEATH OF VIRGINIA BANKER

Found Dying in N. Y. Rooming House, Was Drugged and Robbed

MONEY AND JEWELS GONE

New York, Aug. 9.—Edmund Hall Crim, fifty-four years old, president of the First National Bank of Philippi, W. Va., and head of the firm of E. H. Crim & Co., proprietors of one of the largest department stores in that part of the state, who registered at the Hotel Pennsylvania on August 5, was found [illegible] on the boor in the room of James Ready in a rooming house at 158 West Thirty-fourth stret early yesterday morning. He died a few hours later at the New York Hospital without regaining consciousness. Detectives are trying to get information as to Mr. Crim's movements on Saturday night in the hope that that information would shed some light on the mystery.

Mr. Crim apparently had been drugged and robbed and left in this room, which was No. 7, on the second floor. Physicians at the New York Hospital said last night that the man had shown the symptoms of acute opium poisoning. A. S. Bradford, of this city, who has known the Crim family in West Virginia for many years, said that Mr. Crim always carried large sums of money with him, wore a large diamond ring and also a diamond stickpin. When searched at the hospital he had only twenty-seven cents; his diamond ring, stickpin and watch were gone. He wore a plain black band ring, which Mr. Bradford said he had had for many years. He still had his spectacles and some papers.

Ready said yesterday afternoon that he had been out all of Saturday night and returned to his room at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. He found his door open and a large man lying on the floor. He called Patrolman John Egan, of the West Thirtieth street station, and aroused the woman who occupied Room 8 and also other persons in the house. When the ambulance from the New York Hospital arrived several occupants of the two houses at 156 and 158, which are under the same management, were up. No one at the place, seemed to know how Mr. Crim got into the room.

Showed Symptoms of Poisoning

Dr. George Waterman and Dr. L. T. Eager, of the hospital staff, who saw the man when he was taken to the hospital, said that he showed symptoms of acute opium poisoning. His respiration was slow and he was in a state of coma. He died at 8:55 o'clock. The hospital records show that the man was taken there at 6 o'clock, while the records of the detectives of the Thirtieth street police station state that he was taken to the institution at 7 o'clock. Ready's recollection was that he found the man at 4 o'clock.

It was learned that the front doors of both houses, 156 and 158, were supposed to have been closed and locked Saturday night, as usual. However, the front door at 156 would readily give way to a little weight. The same is true of the door to Ready's room. The fact that these doors operated in this way was known, it was said, to a dozen or more persons. Ready said he did not know that any one had visited his room during Saturday night or yesterday morning. Ready said he was a brother of F. A. Ready, one of the managers of the Hotel McAlpin.

Lightning Causes Three Fires

Mount Holly, N. J., Aug. 9.—Three fires started by lightning in the Mount Holly farming territory raged during the night's terrific storm. The outbuildings and most of their contents on the farms of Benjamin S. Evans, Rancocas road; Richard Burtis, North Pemberton road, and Barzillar Warner, near Jacksonville, were destroyed. Lightning struck within ten feet of Warner while he was milking, but he was not seriously affected.

NO STREET CARS IN HAVANA

First Twenty-four Hours of Strike Pass Without Trouble

Havana, Aug. 9.—The first twenty-four hours of Havana's street car tie-up, which began at midnight last night, passed without trouble of any kind. No cars were run today, except a few manned by policemen, and these were solely for the use of police and other municipal and federal employes. A few arrests of strikers were reported during the day.

"For hire" automobiles, of which there are more than 5000 regularly in operation, reaped a harvest, for many persons were forced resort to them as the only means of reaching their offices or other places of employment. Their drivers paid scant attention to speed or other traffic regulations in their efforts to make the most of their opportunity.

No steps toward a solution of the strike have been taken so far as is known.

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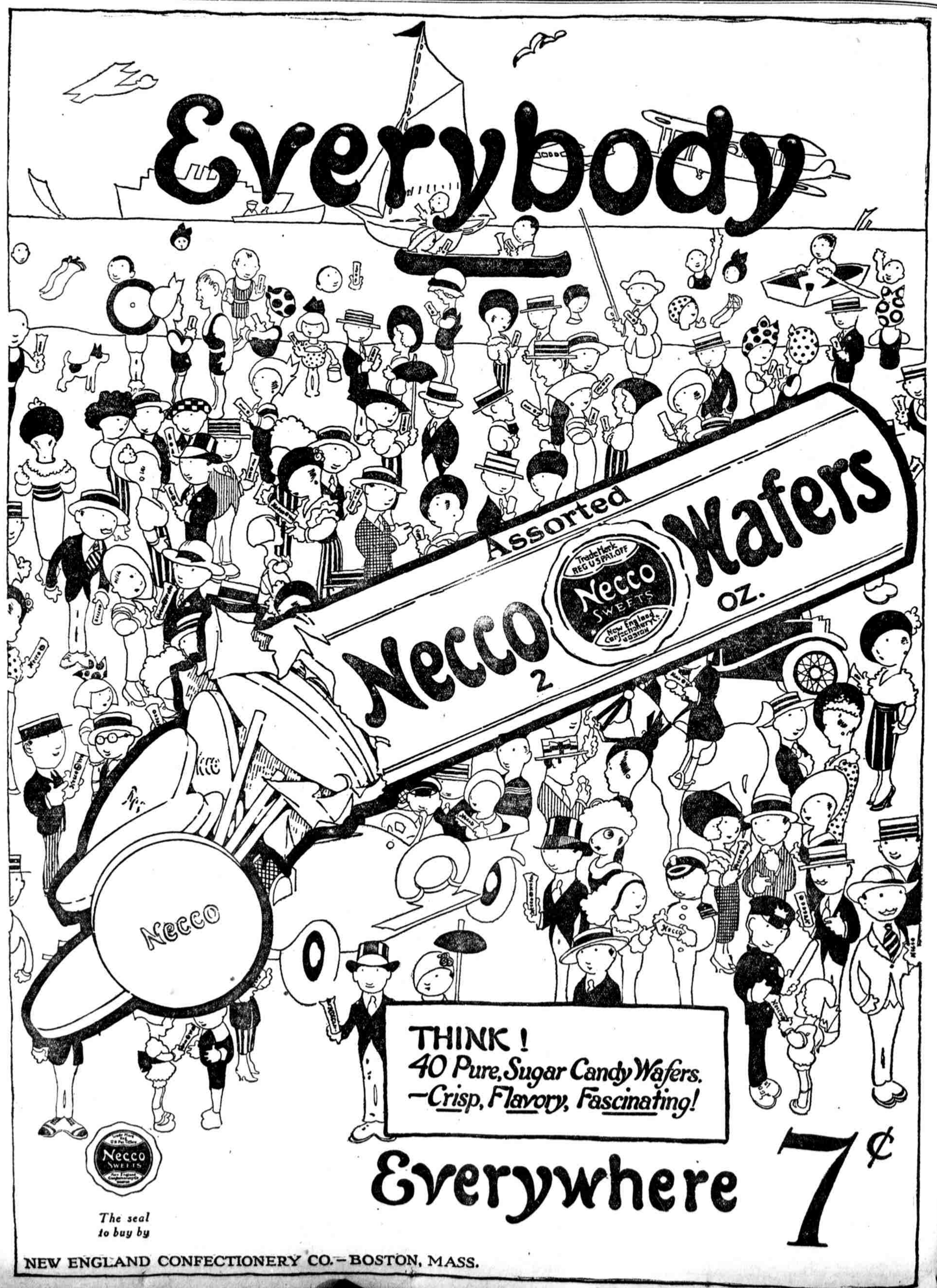
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