

HOW JUBAL EARLY WAS BEATEN BACK

Story of Battle of Fort Stevens, Which Saved Capital From Capture.

FORCES SENT BY GRANT ARRIVED JUST IN TIME

President Lincoln's Presence on Firing Line Makes Engagement Notable in History.

Old comrades gathering here for the encampment and swapping war yarns are particularly interested in the reminiscences of those who fought at Fort Stevens in defense of the National Capital when it was threatened by Gen. Jubal Early and when President Lincoln was on the firing line, the only occasion on which a President of the United States has thus been under fire.

Col. Andrew Cowan of the Ohio commandery of the Royal Legion thus recounts how the seat of government was saved from Confederate invasion: "Early had swept everything before him, driving the detached small commands out of the Shenandoah valley, until a little army was gathered at Monocacy Junction, in Maryland, under Gen. Lew Wallace. Gen Grant, recognizing the serious conditions that confronted Gen. Wallace and his small force, dispatched the 3d Division of the 6th Corps from front of Petersburg to Baltimore by water. That division was commanded by Gen. Ricketts, who was unable to get transportation to Baltimore for his entire division from Baltimore to Monocacy, but got two brigades forward in freight cars. With these two veteran brigades of the 6th Corps and his small force of odds and ends, Gen. Wallace was able to hold Early in check at Monocacy Junction for two days. That delay of Early's force saved Washington from capture.

Reinforcements From Grant.

Gen. Grant at City Point meantime had ordered the 1st and 2d divisions of the 6th Corps, with a number of its batteries, to Washington by water without delay. The 2d Division arrived first at Washington, and marched out to confront Early's army, already at the gateway. The 1st New York, 6th Corps, was the first of the batteries to arrive that day. The situation was so critical that an officer was waiting to give me orders when our steamer—one of those big long island steamers, having on board the entire battery with its horses—drew near to the dock. Making a megaphone of his hands, he called to me to get on board. I saw your battery promptly and march to Fort Stevens without sparing your horses."

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Free Distribution of Official Programs Among G. A. R. Men.

Each veteran will be presented with a complimentary copy of the official program, which is to be sold to the public at 10 cents a copy. Fifteen thousand copies have been printed. This was announced by W. P. Van Wickle, chairman of the historic sites committee, at a meeting in the Willard last night. Henry W. Samson, chairman of the subcommittee to locate and mark sites, reported that 154 markers had been set up, the work being completed in two days. Maj. R. W. Pullman, superintendent of police, and Col. Harts, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, aided in the work.

Played See-Saw With Early.

The next morning at dawn we discovered that Early had retreated. We followed him promptly as far as the Shenandoah river. Our skirmishers crossed the river, but soon returned, and we hastened back to Washington, intending to proceed immediately by water to City Point. But Early came after us, and then slowly retreated before us. We followed him to Harper's Ferry, where we crossed the Potomac and marched out a few miles to Boiling Heights. Several times we started back and forward for Washington without getting farther than Harper's Ferry. The enemy called us Harper's Ferry Weeklies. Gen. Grant then organized the 'Army of the Shenandoah,' with the 6th, 8th and 9th Corps and two divisions of cavalry from the Army of the Potomac, and Averill's cavalry division from West Virginia, A. Schoonmaker, commander, 1st Brigade.

Sheridan pushed his army on plain

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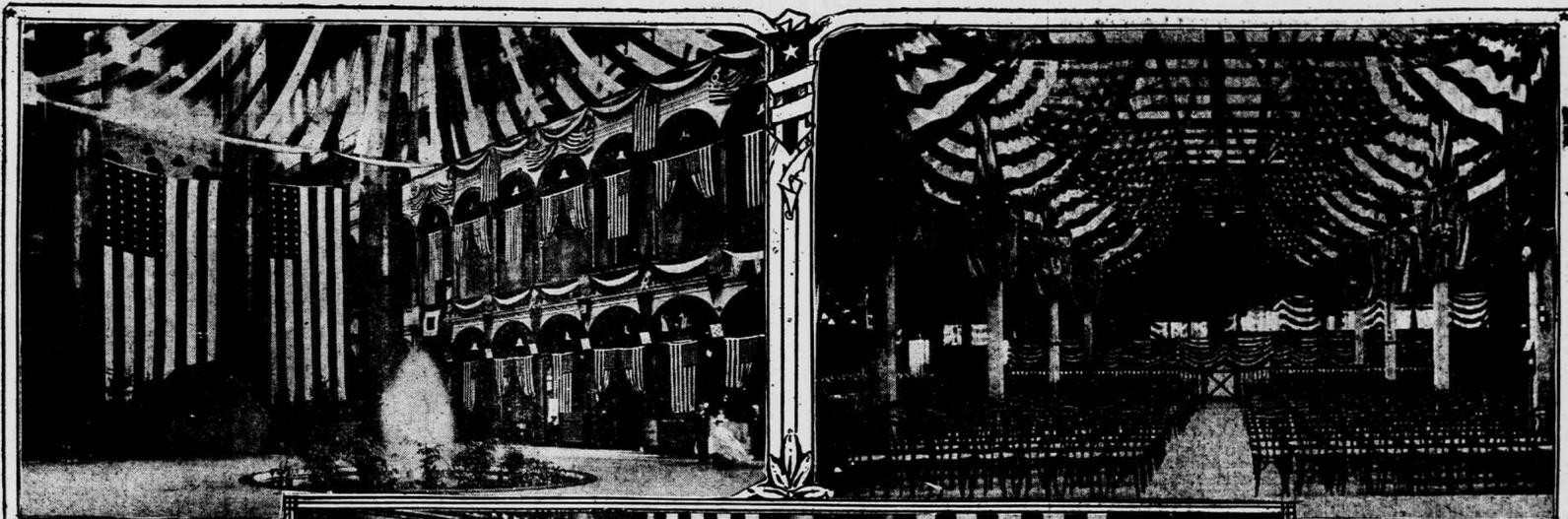
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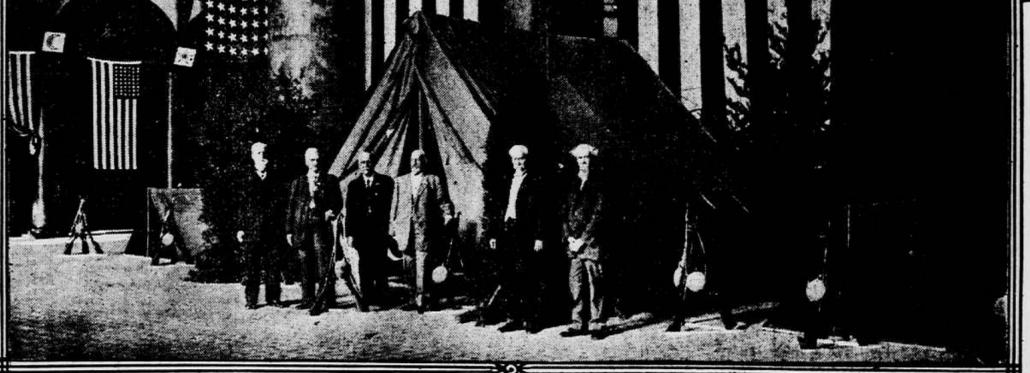
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A CORNER IN THE PENSION OFFICE HALL.

until Early's army was destroyed and the Shenandoah valley made free. Two of their guns were dismounted, and the balance of the battery got out of there on short notice. My company (A, 1st Wisconsin) left Alexandria, Va., after dark July 11. We marched all night and arrived at Fort Stevens the morning of July 12 in time to take the place of the 160-day men, who were occupying the works. One of the prisoners we captured said they supposed the works were occupied by the 100-day men, and that they would have a picnic taking the fort.

Quick Finish to Battery.

"We had been in the fort but a few minutes when a rebel battery galloped to a position close to one of the targets used by the 100-day men. They never fired a shot. We opened on them at short range, and the way that battery was demoralized was worth seeing. Two of their guns were dismounted, and the balance of the battery got out of there on short notice. My company (A, 1st Wisconsin) left Alexandria, Va., after dark July 11. We marched all night and arrived at Fort Stevens the morning of July 12 in time to take the place of the 160-day men, who were occupying the works. One of the prisoners we captured said they supposed the works were occupied by the 100-day men, and that they would have a picnic taking the fort."

"When this battery was so quickly and beautifully demoralized they knew that it was not 100-day men they had to deal with. President Lincoln and a part of his cabinet were there. Among them was Montgomery Blair, the Postmaster General of the United States, and others. President Lincoln came up to me and said: "You remind me of a great friend of mine. What is your name?" I told him my name was J. W. Langford and my father's name was John W. Langford. He said: "It is possible you are a son of my old friend John W. Langford? I want to shake hands with you, for you know your father and I were great chums. I was there until Early made his getaway."

COPY TO EACH VETERAN.

Delaware probably will have the distinction of bringing the oldest member of the G. A. R. to the current encampment. Asst. Adjt. Gen. J. S. Litzenberg of this department said, "He is going to bring a comrade who is ninety-eight years old."

New York county will have a battalion all its own in the parade, according to reports received here. The members of the forty posts in the county have organized themselves into what they term "The New York County Battalion." Headquarters will be established at the New Oxford Hotel.

A band of thirty pieces will accompany the organization, and it is expected to be fully 400 will be in the line. Commander S. C. van Tassel of the Parraquet Naval Post, No. 516, will be grand marshal, with Col. Joseph H. Anderson post as adjutant general and chief of staff.

Rev. Charles O. Brown, the famous bugler and orator, has been invited by the Society of the Army of the Cumberland to deliver the address at the reunion of that society at Camp Emery, and he has accepted. His theme will be "The Army of the Cumberland—Comrade Brown will come as near doing this justice as any man in the country, for as an active member of the Army of the Cumberland in the years that he spent in the ranks of the 3d Ohio Cavalry."

Men who have been in the civil war and who have gone through the trying pioneer days of the west with the accompanying Indian fights and "bad men" rows will come to the Grand Army encampment from Montana. There will be Capt. J. B. Catlin, who in command of men of '61-'65, came to the rescue of Gen. Gibbons, who was pinned in by the Nez Perce Indians at the Big Hole battle, 1877. Comrade Woodcock, who bears the marks of Indian battles; Comrade Charles Bieleburg, cattle king of Deer Lodge; and Comrade McGilgry, whose ranch joins the Custer battlefield; Department Commander James Jones and Brig. Gen. of the first to enter the city of Savannah, December, 1864, and J. M. Lindly of Boston.

Mrs. Margaret Carey Wright, member of the Woman's Relief Corps for many years and a member of the press committee, is coming from the Pacific coast to the national convention. Mrs. Wright is also an officer of the Daughters of Veterans' organization and is a member of the Southern California Press Association. She is not only a devoted worker for the veterans but a writer and traveler of note. She is a member of the National Association of Patriotic Instructors and vice president of the American Woman's Press Association, both of which will hold meetings at the same time as the encampment of the G. A. R.

When Lieut. George Carr Round, president of the Veteran Signal Corps Association, signals the start of the Grand Army parade from the dome of the Capitol Wednesday morning he will use an historic war relic which he has just received from Thomas J. Stewart, adjutant general of Pennsylvania. It is known as the Kenesaw flag. This flag was used in sending a message from Gen. Sherman to one of his division commanders from Kenesaw mountain to Allatoona pass, eighteen miles away, October 5, 1864, over the head of Hood's army. The message was: "Hold the fort. I am coming. It is the theme of a popular hymn."

ENCAMPMENT NOTES.

The Marine Band is to furnish an added attraction to the entertainment program next week during the encampment of the Grand Army. In the court of the pension bureau, on G street, between 4th and 5th streets northwest, which has been lavishly decorated in welcome to old soldiers, the Marine Band will give a concert at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Commissioner Saltzger today said that the public is not barred from this concert, although it is to be given primarily for the old soldiers and their friends, who are here for the encampment, and have had few opportunities to hear this band.

The local survivors of the Army of the Tennessee at the New Oxford Hotel Wednesday night completed arrangements for the reunion of the army at Camp Emery Thursday of next week at 3 o'clock.

The Army of the Tennessee is composed of the 13th, 15th, 16th and 17th Corps, and is notable in its having had five distinguished commanders, U. S. Grant, W. T. Sherman, James B. McPherson, John A. Logan and Oliver O. Howard, and many famous corps and division commanders.

It is the proud boast of the army that it never besieged a city it did not take and that it never lost a battle in which it was engaged.

The National Hotel will be the headquarters of the Army of the Cumberland, including the 143d, 149th and 150th Pennsylvania, Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Census building.

TRIPS ON HISTORIC POTOMAC.

River Excursions Planned for Entertainment of Visiting Veterans.

For the entertainment of the G. A. R. veterans and other visitors to Washington in the coming week, the executive committee of the Sons of Veterans has arranged with the Colonial Beach company for the steamer St. Johns to run a series of sight-seeing trips on the Potomac river. The trips will be made both by daylight and at night.

The first with an evening trip tomorrow, the St. Johns leaving her wharf at 7 p.m. and returning about 10:30 p.m. The evening trips will be continued through next week, ending Friday night. The searchlight of the steamer will be used to show the points of interest.

Trips by daylight will be made Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Tuesday the St. Johns will leave 7th street wharf at 1 p.m., and will make the run down the river past the forts (old and new), Mt. Vernon, Indian Head and other points, and stops will be made at Fort Washington and the Indian Head naval proving grounds. Thursday and Friday two trips will be made, leaving here at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., spending about four hours on the water on each trip. Music and dancing will be features.

Clyde Line Tariffs Suspended.

Tariffs of the Clyde Steamship Company, which provide for the carrying of joint ocean-going rates and commodity rates from New York and other eastern points to Charlotte, N. C., and other destinations via the port of Charleston, have been suspended by the interstate commerce commission until January 25.

Fire Apparatus Installed.

Down at the 1st street corner of the building, early this forenoon, the installation of a temporary fire department, ready for instant use in the emergency which every one hopes will not arise, attracted the attention of the arrivals, who were loud in praise of the vigor that once animated and thoroughness with which local committees have looked after every imaginable detail of the encampment. The fire fighting equipment, which is to remain in instant readiness during the entire time the veterans' stay in Washington, is a chemical engine and a detail of twelve firemen, assigned from several of the engine houses. The first detail today was in charge of Capt. Lenihan, and other officers and men will be assigned to the temporary fire fighting force daily.

In the big west room of the building,

CAMP EMERY IS SCENE OF ACTIVITY

Arriving Veterans Keep Busy the Clerks Engaged in Registering the Visitors.

FIRE APPARATUS PLACED TO SAFEGUARD BUILDING

Decorations at Encampment Headquarters Practically Completed.

Squad of Policemen on Duty.

The blue uniforms and black slouch hats, black-and-gold scarves, of the Grand Army of the Republic mingled with the blue and gray uniforms of the Sons of Veterans, the khaki of the Boy Scouts and the shirt sleeve garb of hurrying messengers, workmen and others doing the actual work of receiving the thousands of visitors to the jubilee encampment of the G. A. R., combined today to make a dizzying kaleidoscope of color and movement at Camp Emery, official headquarters of the encampment, in the old census building at 1st and C streets northwest.

Hundreds of veterans, arriving on every incoming train, thronged the big building and kept the clerks in charge of the task of registering the visitors as busy as bees. Boy Scouts, seemingly without number, stood about, ready to render any service in their power, aiding the strangers about the building, showing them the various rooms, aiding those from whose limbs time has sapped the vigor that once animated them—in short, doing those things which Boy Scouts are supposed to do.

A big detail of policemen in charge of Inspector Boyle and Lieut. Schilling was on the job early this morning, though they had little or nothing to do except to serve as purveyors of information.

Charles Schombert, a noted player in the Cumberland and Georges Creek League, died suddenly in Midland, Md., from hemorrhage of the brain.

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The room at the southeast corner of the building has been fitted up as an emergency hospital, where visitors who may require medical treatment or may need surgical attention are to be cared for. Adjoining the temporary hospital on either side are rest rooms, one for men and one for women. The hospital is to be in charge of doctors and nurses to be supplied from Washington hospitals, while the two rest rooms will be in charge of capable attendants.

A novel feature of the registration bureau is the tags which are given to all visiting Veterans. These tags, which are the idea of Dr. N. Straight, one of the registration committee members, are small bits of white cardboard, on which are plainly written the number of the army corps and the name of the department and post of which the wearer is a member.

On the reverse side of the tag is the name, local address, telephone number and home address of the person wearing the tag. The tags are on strong cords, by means of which they are attached to the buttonhole of the wearer. By means of these tags it is expected that should any visiting veteran become bewildered or lost, or be injured or killed in any accident, identification will be an extremely simple matter.

Another convenient feature of the camp is the temporary post office, located on the east and west corridor directly opposite the B street entrance. Here veterans and others attending the encampment may have their mail addressed and receive it without the inconvenience and delay that might be occasioned by the delivery of mail to homes or other places where the visitors might be stopping.

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Hospital and Rest Rooms.

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TO WELCOME G. A. R. MEN.

Committee Appointed by Spanish War Veterans' Commander-in-Chief.

Representative L. C. Dyer of Missouri, commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, in accord with resolutions adopted at the national encampment of the order, held recently at Scranton, Pa., has announced the appointment of the following members of the Department of the District of Columbia to extend the greetings of the national organization to the members of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Adjutant General Jere A. Costello, Chairman; Department Commander J. Q. A. Braden, Senior Vice Department Commander Lee H. Harris, Junior Vice Department Commander James E. Maynard, Past Department Commander Maj. F. S. Hodgson, Past Department Commander and National Surgeon Dr. S. Clifford Cox, Past Department Commander J. Walter Mitchell, Edward L. Cogan, G. E. Rausch, Daniel V. Chisholm, Samuel G. Mawson, Inspector General Sheridan Ferrer, Commanders Charles J. P. Weber of Nelson A. Miles Camp, William T. Herriage of Richard J. Harden Camp, Louis E. Felton of Felt Camp, Emil Walter of Henry W. Lawton Camp, Joseph W. Harriman of Admiral Dewey Camp, Frank Wieloch of John Jacob Astor Camp, John Murphy of Gen. M. Emmett Urell Camp and Richard L. Lamb and John Hogan. The presentation will be made by the committee at the Thursday session of the G. A. R. convention and Capt. D. V. Chisholm will act as spokesman for the Spanish war organization.

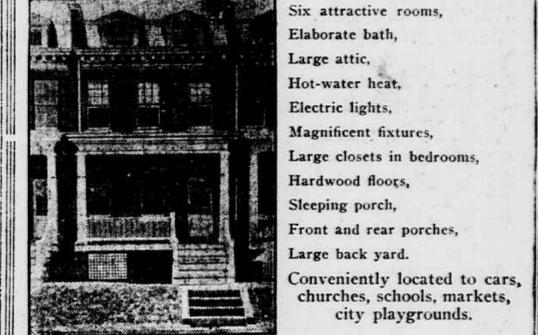
Schools to Close for Parade.

Orders for the closing of the public schools Wednesday because of the parade of the G. A. R. were issued today by Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of schools.

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TO AID VISITORS.

Subcommittee Members Stationed at Cabstands and Hotels.

The subcommittee on hotels and vehicles of the committee on public order met last night at the Willard. Members of the subcommittee will be stationed at the cabstands and in various hotels to be of assistance to strangers.

The subcommittee on obstructions of the public order committee also held a meeting last night at the Willard. Members of this subcommittee will see that no chairs, boxes, stepladders or other obstructions are placed in the streets or on the sidewalks Wednesday, the day of the parade. Such obstructions will be permitted neither along the route of the parade nor on the streets intersecting Pennsylvania avenue.

Disabled veterans who will not be in condition to march in the parade Wednesday are to ride along the route in jitneys. Announcement to this effect was made yesterday by Col. John McElroy, who would like to have the names of persons willing to furnish automobiles to carry veterans the length of the parade route for this amount. The machines will be parked around Judiciary Park and probably will enter the parade at 3d street, bringing up the rear.

The parade will start at 10 o'clock from the Peace Monument. It is noted that it will not over until 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Vermont Veterans Honor Guests.

In honor of the Vermont veterans attending the national encampment of the G. A. R., the Vermont State Association of the District of Columbia has invited the association's rooms, 1710 I street northwest, Thursday evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock. Gen. L. A. Grant, commander of the old Vermont brigade, has been invited as guest of honor, while a general invitation has been extended to all Vermont veterans and their families to be present.

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