

# GUARDSMEN'S DRILL FOR ENCAMPMENT

### The District Soldiers Getting Themselves in Shape for Their Annual Outing, Details of Which Are Not Yet Fixed.

### Battery A, Light Artillery, Mustered Into Service With Fifty-one Men—Appointments, Resignations, and Discharges.

The drill on the White Lot ellipse and the parade of the guardsmen yesterday in the Independence Day ceremonies marked the past week in National Guard circles. As the orders and plans for the annual encampment are due next week, they will serve to still further enliven things around Center Market Army.

The captains of the different organizations of the guard, in accordance with Adjutant General Robbins' orders of several weeks ago, have been drilling their men and coaching them in the performance of camp duties. The infantrymen have been at it hard for the past week or two, and almost every night two or more companies can be seen near the Louisiana Avenue Market getting in trim for the trying ordeal, which will last nine days—and they promise to be warm ones, too.

### Men Well Prepared.

All in all, the guardsmen are pretty well prepared for the encampment, and it is not improbable that they would be ready to go tomorrow if that were the chosen date. There is a large number of experienced men in the ranks now who can serve as models for the raw recruits and those of one or two years' experience. In view of the fact that the membership of a great many of the commands has increased greatly and several new organizations have started since the last encampment there are too many "green" lads in line to admit of the commands going to camp without a thorough coaching.

The boys have the dates and the place fixed pretty well in their minds. They know they will be on a little jaunt in the vicinity of Fort Washington from July 23 until July 31, but further than that they are not advised, although they would like to be. At National Guard headquarters yesterday it was learned that no specific plans or order of events for the encampment had even been drafted, although they were expected next week. There remains two weeks and three days before the boys depart for their destination.

### Plans Late This Year.

Usually the plan has been mapped out long before this, but owing to the fact that one set of plans, for a series of land and water maneuvers, was drafted in May and June, and subsequently abandoned because the project was not practicable, the definite plans are later than ever.

It was reported a few weeks ago that Gen. George Harries had made a requisition for enough khaki uniforms to outfit his entire brigade, but as yet nothing further has been heard of it. If such a thing were possible, the comfort and pleasure of the Guardsmen would be greatly enhanced. In view of the lateness of the season, however, it is not believed the project can be carried out.

The troopers from Fort Myer, who came very near giving target practice at the Ordway Range its quietus by their reckless and wild shooting, left the range last week and returned to the fort. An order or request relative to shooting at the range was sent out from headquarters last week. Practice, except on the part of those who are acknowledged to be experts, has been suspended while repairs and alterations are made at the range.

### Putting Screens Above Targets.

The bullet which flew wild a week or two ago, and injured a woman standing in the rear of the targets, went over the targets and thereby occasioned the injury. Workmen are now at the range fixing screens over the targets to prevent any more bullets from flying wild, and to save the lives of persons living on contiguous farms.

The members of the brigade team, all experts, have practiced at the range while the repairs were in progress. Major Bell is coaching the men, and expects to have a strong aggregation by the time the men leave for the annual contest at Sea Girt. The regular practice days for the team men are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Major Bell and his men spent those three afternoons at the range, and also went out yesterday to polish off their rough edges.

The showing made by the Guardsmen in the parade yesterday was highly commendable, and much favorable comment was heard on all sides. Despite the heat the boys looked trim and neat and marched as though it were a bleak November day. The local militia made up the entire second division of the parade, and General Harries was in command.

### Battery Mustered In.

Battery A, Light Artillery, D. C. N. G., with Capt. Thomas Marron at its head, was mustered into the service Tuesday night. Sixty candidates were in the spa-

rious drill hall to be mustered in, and fifty-one of them were accepted and the oath of allegiance administered to them by Major Ourand, inspector general of the local militia. The caissons and gun carriages are in the drill hall at the present time. The carriages have been made for 3.2 guns, and the pieces will be fitted on them within the coming week.

It is expected that the battery will make an excellent showing at the annual encampment, because there are some experienced artillerymen in the ranks, and the new men are all apt scholars and look as if they would learn quickly. Because of the fact that the Fort Myer artillery will be on a practice march during the National Guard encampment, Battery A will be divided into two platoons and each regiment of the guard will have one-half of it.

### Naval Battalion Dampened.

The driving rain served to dampen the ardor of but one command in the entire Guard. The Naval Battalion, which, together with the other organizations, received its orders to report on the White Lot to participate in the drill, was not on hand, although all of the other organizations were there and made a creditable showing. Adjutant General Corbin complimented General Harries on the looks of the brigade, and things were moving smoothly when the rain came up and the general sent his men to the armory to keep them from getting soaked. It is believed the drill Monday and the parade yesterday will serve to assist the officers of the Guard while on camp, because many of the men in line at those two days were out for the first time.

### Appointments.

The following appointments made by the President in the militia of the District of Columbia, and casualties and changes that have occurred during the quarter ended June 30, 1903, are announced:

Second Battalion—First Lieutenant J. Harry Bean, Company D, Second Battalion, to be captain, March 16, 1903, to fill original vacancy. (Company C.) Second Lieut. Milton J. Ernest, Company D, Second Battalion, to be first lieutenant, March 16, 1903, to fill original vacancy. (Company C.) Private Leonard H. Johnson, to be second lieutenant, March 16, 1903, to fill original vacancy. (Company C.)

Fifth Battalion—Second Lieut. Albert B. Weir, Company B, Fifth Battalion, to be first lieutenant, March 23, 1903, vice Andrews, resigned. (Company A.)

Sixth Battalion—First Sergt. Frank E. Skinner, to be captain, March 26, 1903, to fill original vacancy. (Company B.) Sergt. Bruce Magruder, to be first lieutenant, March 26, 1903, to fill original vacancy. (Company B.) Sergt. Clarence A. Gooding, to be second lieutenant, March 26, 1903, to fill original vacancy. (Company B.)

First Separate Battalion—Sergt. Sylvester H. Epps, to be first lieutenant, April 22, 1903, vice Covington, resigned. (Company C.)

Naval Battalion—Lieut. Randolph B. Brummett to be lieutenant commander, April 10, 1903, vice Hopkins, resigned. John Doyle Carmody to be ensign, March 12, 1903, vice Dempf, promoted. (Second division.)

### Resignations.

Early D. Yoder, first lieutenant, Company B, Second Battalion, March 12, 1903; sherbourne G. Hopkins, lieutenant commander, Naval Battalion, April 9, 1903; Robert E. Covington, first lieutenant, Company C, First Separate Battalion, April 9, 1903; Lemuel E. Tait, second lieutenant, Company C, Fifth Battalion, June 8, 1903; William E. Browne, first lieutenant, Company C, First Battalion, June 15, 1903; Eugene P. Corvazier, captain, Company D, Third Battalion, June 30, 1903.

### Discharges.

The following named enlisted men have been dishonorably discharged from the Guard during the quarter ending June 30, 1903: Clarence E. Altman, March 30, 1903; Bodenhamer, Guy Brazee, William A. Butler, Frank P. Davis, Robert T. Dodson, George H. Gillman, Hugh Hayes, George W. Jones, Lee G. Lampkin, Eugene O'Bryhim, and Thomas Robinson.

The following have been ordered honorably discharged on account of removal from the District: Private Lobbeus K. Clemons, Company C, Second Battalion. Private Edward N. Riley, Company C, Second Battalion. Private Emmet H. Woodward, Company C, Second Battalion. Landsman Thornton T. Reiley, Second Division Naval Battalion.

The following have been honorably discharged to accept promotion by commissions: Sergeant Bruce Magruder, Company B, Sixth Battalion. Sergeant Sylvester H. Epps, Company C, First Separate Battalion. Sergeant William G. Neumeyer, Company B, First Regiment, has been detached from his company with instruction to report to the commissary general for duty in connection with the encampment.

A board of survey to consist of Capt. Francis J. Woodman, surgeon, Second Regiment; First Lieut. Romulus A. Foster, surgeon, second Battalion, and First Lieut. Charles R. Luce, surgeon, First Battalion, has been ordered to assemble at headquarters July 11 at 8 o'clock p. m. to examine into, report upon, and fix the responsibility for an alleged loss of medical property for which Brig. Gen. George H. Harries is accountable. The junior member of the board will act as recorder.

### PACT FOR TEN MEN.

SALINA, Kan., July 4.—K. C. McCleary, of Salina, was married in Republic, Mo., Thursday to Rose Barrington. The wedding is a chapter of a story planned in Seattle, Wash., last winter. Mr. McCleary, with nine other men, went on strike in Seattle, and they decided to go to Alaska. One of the ten suggested that they all get married and take their brides to the far North with them.

# WILL HOLD FUNERAL IN BALTIMORE TODAY

### Harriet Lane Johnston to Be Placed at Rest.

# MISTRESS OF WHITE HOUSE

### Career of Buchanan's Beautiful Niece—Her Entertainment of the Present English Sovereign.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, niece of President Buchanan, and mistress of the White House during his Administration, will be held this morning from the residence of her brother-in-law, Josiah Lee Johnston, 113 West Franklin Street, Baltimore. The interment will be private.

Mrs. Johnston had been ill for about ten months previous to her death. Several weeks ago she was removed to Narragansett Pier in hope that the change would benefit her strength. Instead of recovering, however, she slowly became weaker, and succumbed to the illness last Friday night.

The death of Mrs. Johnston closes an eventful career. She was perhaps more widely known throughout the United States and foreign countries than any other young woman who occupied a similar position. Will presiding over the Executive Mansion and prior to her marriage, she was known generally as "charming and beautiful Harriet Lane."

The last notable event in which she figured was the coronation of King Edward VII, and while in London was the guest of the sovereign of the British Empire. Strangely enough, she was also a conspicuous figure at the ceremonies when Queen Victoria was invested with the crown. At that time she was of the household of her uncle, who was then minister to the court of St. James.

### Entertained Prince of Wales.

Another notable event in the career of Harriet Lane was her entertaining of "Lord Renfrew," the Prince of Wales and now King, on his visit to this country, more than forty years ago. As mistress of the White House she acted as hostess to the distinguished visitor.

Mrs. Johnston was born in 1831, and was the youngest daughter of James Buchanan's sister. From early childhood she had been a favorite of her uncle, and was invited to preside over the Executive Mansion while still in her twenties.

When Buchanan was sent to London as minister to the court of St. James his niece accompanied him, and was accepted as the mistress of the legation. Her social success was instantaneous. She quickly became a reigning belle, and was looked upon as one of the most beautiful women in court circles. Queen Victoria was captivated with her charming personality.

### "Lord Renfrew's" Visit.

As mistress of the White House during Buchanan's administration his niece was the center of a series of elaborate social functions. Chief among these was the reception to "Lord Renfrew," an event of great importance in the social history of the country.

"Lord Renfrew's" visit to the United States took place in 1869, and although the clouds of war were hanging over the country, not the slightest intimation of the threatened outbreak was given him. Three days he remained as the guest of the President.

Miss Lane was then twenty-nine years old, beautiful, winsome, and charming. She received the visiting prince in the famous East Room. The same evening he led his fair hostess to a state dinner and sat at her right hand. The remaining days of the royal guest's visit were also marked by elaborate affairs.

### Married at Wheatland.

At the expiration of Buchanan's term Miss Lane returned to Wheatland, the beautiful country seat of the President. Two years before her uncle's death, in 1868, she became the bride of Henry Elliot Johnston, a lawyer of Baltimore. The wedding took place at Wheatland one cold morning in January, and was attended by guests from far and near.

After Buchanan's death, Mrs. Johnston made Wheatland her summer home, though Baltimore became her principal place of residence. The Johnston residence in Washington, at Eighteenth and F Streets, was at the time of its erection one of the most beautiful dwellings in the National Capital. The style of furniture is characteristic of the period of 1869, while the house is decorated with rare mementos gathered during Buchanan's tenure of office.

The death of Mrs. Johnston is mourned by a large circle of friends in Washington.

# TEA SAMPLES TO BE LARGER IN THE FUTURE

The Treasury Department has made a ruling of interest to users of tea in consequence of which business firms may hereafter send twelve ounces of sample tea through the mails instead of only four ounces heretofore permitted by law.

Tea importers have for some time past been desirous of greater liberty in sending samples of their goods to prospective customers, or new blends to old traders. In efforts to extend their trade they have wished to present to possible buyers more than a meager four ounces, and have made satisfactory explanations to the Treasury Department as the reason for seeking the increased allowance.

The Postoffice Department will be informed of the decision arrived at by the Treasury officials and will be requested to make the necessary orders relative to accepting twelve-ounce packages for transmission through the mails at special rates, instead of only the four-ounce packages previously admissible to that rate.

# SEED SCANDALS TO REST UNTIL FALL

### Lawyers Agree to Allow the Examination of Witnesses to Be Postponed Until September.

### Congress to Be Asked to Investigate the Contract and Other Department of Agriculture Matters.

The hearings into the alleged frauds in the seed contracts in the Agricultural Department have gone over until next fall.

It is now said that they are to be resumed about September 1 or a little later, which may bring them to an interesting point just about the time the extra session of Congress is called, and which may cause them to be taken up for investigation simultaneously with the proposed Congressional inquiry into the Postoffice frauds.

The delay in probing the seed matter to the bottom is due to the request made by the lawyers of Arthur C. Nellis, the manager of the New York Gardeners' Association, who is accused by his former superintendent, Kingsley, of deliberately issuing orders that the packages sent out should be put up light.

### Requests Granted.

These attorneys asked some time ago for the privilege of examining several more witnesses before the Court of Claims, and they were notified that the Government was ready to go ahead with the examination. Nothing more was heard of the matter, and last week Deputy Attorney General Tanner wrote to the lawyers asking when they proposed to begin.

Mr. Tanner received a reply asking that the Department of Justice let the case go over until September, and as the Court of Claims cannot take the case up until fall the request was granted.

The Government has collected a vast amount of testimony in the case, some of which has not yet been made public. A great deal of this relates to the Nellis instructions.

One new feature which has not yet been brought out is a charge made by Kingsley, who asserts that many bags of spinach seed were shipped back to the Clovena nurseries, the Staten Island properties of Nellis, when they should have been turned over to the Department of Agriculture.

### Smoothed It Over.

Just how many of these bags there were Kingsley could not say, but he thought there were a score or more. There had been so much seed of this particular kind of vegetable sent out, however, that it is doubtful if they could have been given away to any farmer who knew what he was getting. Consequently, there was little if any loss to the Government.

More of the testimony relates to the methods adopted by Kingsley "to pacify and smooth over" the Government inspectors, when they complained about the small weights.

In substance Kingsley said that some of the girls were dismissed and others were instructed to put more seed in the packets. The orders were given when the inspectors were standing around. As soon as the inspectors disappeared the orders issued by Nellis, according to Kingsley's statement, to "let them run light" went into effect again.

### Seeds Were Short.

Kingsley also went into details concerning the lack of bookkeeping. He said that under the Parker distribution he had kept a record of how much seed had come into the distributing building in bulk, by which means it was easy for the Government to discover any shortage in the amount of seeds for which it was paying.

He suggested to Nellis that such books be kept, but Nellis refused to listen to him. Consequently the Government could not tell whether or not it had got all the seeds due it.

Kingsley also repeats in the testimony the conversation he had with Nellis after the distribution had been completed. He said that Nellis told him he did not know how many seeds he had sent out. Kingsley also asserts that Nellis told him the seeds were short of what the contract had called for, and he (Kingsley) advised Nellis to go to the officers of the department and make a clean breast of the matter, but that Nellis refused to do so.

### Congress May Act.

There are scores of other charges, which it is said Congress may investigate. Many of the Representatives are anxious to take the matter up, and Representative Fitzgerald of New York at the last session of Congress did introduce a resolution calling for such an investigation.

The resolution, however, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and somewhere in the numerous pigeonholes in the desk of the clerk of that committee the resolution is still slumbering. That another is to be introduced is certain, and it is more than probable, now that the whole country is aroused, something is going to be done.

The agriculturalists seek an investigation, because when he plants turnips, according to Department of Agriculture labels, he dislikes to get a crop of

spinach. When he carefully seeds a patch of ground for the family supply of lettuce, it angers him a bit to find that his lettuce is clover or radishes.

It is said that though two years have elapsed since the Nellis contract ended some farmers have not yet got the flowers out of the clover fields, the vegetables out of the lawn and flower beds, and the roots of the fruit plants out of the vegetable patches, where all were carefully planted according to the directions sent out by Mr. Nellis.

The Representatives are anxious for something to be done, because the farmer blames the Representative for all of the mixed-up condition of things. And the Republicans are willing to probe into the matter because the Democrats are going to make a scandal out of the matter of such proportions that it may become a campaign issue. This, the leaders believe, can be headed off by a Republican investigation.

# FOUR SMALLPOX CASES DISCOVERED IN ONE DAY

### Nurse at Home for Incurables One of the Patients.

Four cases of smallpox have been discovered by the District Health Office. A nurse at the Home for Incurables, Irene Parker, has been sick with the disease for several days. Investigation showed that she had recently visited her sister, Mrs. Estelle Mundie, of 2709 Fourteenth Street northwest. The young woman was removed to the smallpox hospital, and the Home for Incurables was quarantined.

Investigation at the Fourteenth Street house revealed the fact that Mrs. Mundie and a child, Sarah, two years old, had been suffering from the disease, and were almost well. They were taken to the smallpox hospital, but were later allowed to depart. Mr. Mundie and a boarder, Edward W. Coghill, twenty-two years of age, were also taken from the Fourteenth Street house Thursday, and yesterday Coghill developed the disease. He was removed to the hospital. None of those having the disease had been vaccinated. The Health Office officials believe that another child in the same house, who has left the city, also had the disease. The whereabouts of the absent one will be investigated.

### ARRESTED IN BED.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., July 4.—Richard Cadle, a piano manufacturer of New York, after having been compelled to get out of bed in the middle of the night and submit to arrest for violation of the automobile law, has settled the case out of court. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Cadle was riding in his automobile through Bloomingburg last night on his way to Monticello. The machine frightened a horse belonging to Frank Cuno, causing it to jump a fence. The wagon was wrecked and Cuno was injured.

# SURGEON SHOULD BE PAID FOR LOST CREDIT

### Bigger Fee if Patient Dies, Say Experts.

NEW YORK, July 4.—While testifying before Referee James E. Kelly in the supreme court, Dr. Edward Wallace Lee, one of the surgeons who operated on President McKinley, said that a surgeon should receive more pay when a patient died than when one recovered.

Dr. Lee testified in behalf of Dr. James H. Manley, in Dr. Manley's suit to recover \$525 from the executor of the estate of the late Bridget C. Barrett. Dr. Manley's fee of \$525 was for medical attention and for an operation which he performed on Mrs. Barrett. The operation consisted in the removal of an abdominal cancer. Mrs. Barrett died. Her husband refused to pay the surgeon's bill.

Jacob Marks, counsel for the husband of the dead woman, contended that the fee was excessive. He said that from \$150 to \$200 would be liberal compensation.

One of the expert witnesses called for Dr. Manley was Dr. Lee. On cross-examination Mr. Marks asked Dr. Lee this question:

"Would you consider the fact that the patient did not live any element in fixing the charge?"

"No. The fact that the person does not live does not follow the surgeon of his responsibility at the operation he has performed, nor does it in any way mitigate his feelings; and, in fact, a man should be paid more when a patient dies than when he recovers."

Dr. Lee said in response to a question by Referee Kelly that a surgeon gets some credit if the operation is a success and is blamed if the operation does not prove a benefit, and consequently surgeons have to base their charges on the responsibility that they assume.

The examination of witnesses will be resumed before the referee next week.

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