

## INITIAL CAMPS ARE APPROVED BY ARMY AND CIVIC EXPERTS

Major Generals Bliss and Wood File Reports in Answer to Complaints of Guardsmen.

ALL FIND CONDITIONS GOOD

Dr. Darlington Urges Friends of Soldiers Be Assured as to Medical Situation.

Reassuring announcements regarding the treatment of national guardsmen during their mobilization for Mexican border service were made at the War Department on the basis of reports received from army officers who, by direction of Secretary Baker, have been investigating allegations that the guardsmen were not sufficiently or properly fed, that their camps were not sanitary, and that they were poorly transported.

Secretary Baker is preparing a report to Congress on the subject in response to a resolution adopted a few days ago. The reports to him from those making the investigation may be epitomized as follows:

First—Major General L. Bliss, who has been in charge of a special trip of inspection to all the border camps, reports that he has found camps in excellent sanitary condition, and that officers and men in camps he has visited thus far say they are satisfied and content.

Second—Major General Wood, Barry and Bell, commanding the principal army departments, reported that in their judgment the food supply, transportation, and other facilities of the mobilization were satisfactory.

Third—Dr. Thomas Darlington, sent to the border by the National Civic Federation, reports conditions excellent; no contagious disease, and says that relatives and friends should be told that "general medical and sanitation conditions are reassuring thus far."

General Bliss' Report.

The first preliminary report came from Major General Bliss from Mission, Tex. It said:

"Have found camps in excellent sanitary condition. Men are reasonably well sheltered and well fed. Have interviewed all commanding officers and their statements by the stenographer. Thus far they are unanimous in expressing satisfaction and contentment of officers and enlisted men."

Statement of Wood.

The report of Major General Wood read in part:

"All troops leaving mobilization camps packed with ten days' travel rations. Trains were provided with either a cook or baggage car with a kitchen and a table in it and this has been done in all cases wherever possible. Where there was no opportunity to furnish coffee to troops they were provided with sugar."

"It is not possible that troops which have been recruited from the States of Kansas City and Cincinnati could have been short unless rations had been taken away, as every precaution had been taken to see that they started with an ample supply."

"Ample drinking water was supplied and chief medical officers at mobilization camps were specifically informed to enforce regulations for supplying troops with extra barrels of drinking water for each car. All camp trains were inspected as prescribed by regulations."

Dr. Darlington's Approval.

The National Civic Federation several days ago requested permission of the War Department to allow an expert from civil life to proceed to the border and examine critically conditions affecting the sanitation and health of the troops there.

The War Department acceded to this request and gave Dr. Thomas Darlington full permission to go. He will examine anything he desired. Dr. Darlington has just wired the National Civic Federation as follows:

"Arrived last night. Personal interview General Perring this morning very satisfactory. He extends complete assistance to inquiry. Interviewed with Colonel Munson, whom I accompanied over camp at Fort Sam Houston. Fourteen thousand men, all in good health. Spent nine hours studying camp routine. Saw men eat noon meal; visited kitchen, inspected food, cooking, disposal of garbage and waste drainage, latrines, shower baths.

"Inspected medical supplies with Major Murchison. Visited field hospitals; visited wards of base hospitals with Lieutenant Colonel Ireland. All base hospital construction; also visited diagnosis laboratories under Captain Siler. No contagious diseases; conditions excellent. Well worth the trip.

"Reassure relatives and friends of soldiers general medical and sanitation conditions reassuring thus far. If seem best, this may be used as basis for statement to press immediately."

His Anti-Meat Talk Brings Long Jail Talk

NEW YORK, July 20.—The doctrine of vegetarianism, as practiced by Samuel Donnis, of 285 Grand street, who declares he "has never killed any living thing, not even a mosquito," led him to Essex market court on a disorderly conduct charge.

Records show that this was the vegetarian's eighteenth appearance on similar charges. This time the answer was an indeterminate sentence of not less than two years in the workhouse.

Donnis stopped a woman yesterday as she came from a butcher shop and began to remonstrate with her on the evil of serving meat.

Just as he had reached an oratorical climax—"The world is made today if the Kaiser, King George and King Nicholas were vegetarians. Why, I won't even wear shoes, because leather was the skin of a living thing"—a patrolman came up and spoiled it.

Hibernians Would Save Casement From Death

BOSTON, July 20.—Resolutions protesting against the execution of Sir Roger Casement were adopted at yesterday's session of the biennial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The resolutions were ordered sent by cable to the members of the British cabinet.

"Dead" Baby Cries.

VINELAND, N. J., July 20.—A Landis avenue undertaker was called out of bed to bury a baby at 2 o'clock in the morning and had hardly begun to handle the infant when it began to cry. The undertaker went home to take another snooze.

# The Soldiers' Letter Box

## SOLDIER DELIGHTED WITH BORDER CAMP

Louis Rosenfeld, of Field Hospital, Tells of Guard Duty at Warren.

WARREN, Ariz., July 10, 1916.

Editor Soldiers' Letter Box: We have been here now nearly twenty-four hours, having arrived here at about 7 o'clock on the evening of Sunday, July 9. Of course, it is a trifle difficult to realize that I am about 1,000 miles from Washington, but when I think about me it is very easy to imagine this.

After traveling all that distance through plain, desert, mountain, and valley, we were somewhat glad to place our feet once more on terra firma. We passed many camps, some situated in little ravines, others on mountain tops, and still others on hot, dusty plains and deserts. I imagined and expected that we would be stationed in some similar hot, dry, uninteresting place.

However, when we reached our destination I was almost petrified with amazement and awe. That was the first feeling I experienced. But it quickly changed to one of keen pleasure. I never dreamt that such a place actually existed. It is wonderful beyond description.

Camped on Mountain Top.

We are atop of a mountain, about 6,000 feet above sea level, and surrounded on three sides by other great peaks and a great valley stretching away to the east as far as the eye can reach. Some of the surrounding peaks appear to be in the clouds part of the way, and they change color from the sandy, almost white, to green, gray, blue, and indigo when the sun shines upon them.

And we are right in the center of the town, not the sort you may suppose of colorful wooden shacks scattered about, and muddy roads and streets. This town is the sort you have always dreamed of when you pictured southern California and Pasadena. The low, many-colored bungalows, with the red and green tiled copper roofs, and the spacious green lawns surrounded by hedges, all of the ancient Aztec type, are the sort we have seen. And just about a hundred yards from our camp site is a public square of matchless beauty. The main building in its center, such as you have never seen.

Band Plays Nightly.

The band of the Twenty-second Regiment Infantry, one of the best in the country, plays here each evening, and if the music it played last night is an example of its prowess, it is certainly a splendid band.

The "twenty-second" stays here until our men of the Third Regiment arrive here to relieve it. When it will be sent to the border, which is but four miles from here.

Last night I was one of the five men detailed to assist the signal corps in guarding our baggage cars, which were unable to load last night on account of the late hour at which we arrived. I slept in the baggage car, and had as a "room mate" Lieutenant McLennan. Captain Ireland and several other officers were also in the baggage car.

My health is excellent, spirits high, and altogether an enjoying "vacation." LOUIS ROSENFELD, Field Hospital Corps.

Pleased With Duties.

Camp Ordway, Fort Myer, Va., July 19.

Editor Soldiers' Letter Box: The Supply Company is a good company to join, and the captain is very good to the boys. I think the world of him and my top sergeant. I am trying to get home, but the captain is so is the whole company, so we can go to Biabee sooner. I am the only help my mother has, and I didn't like to leave her. I certainly will go home. I am the only single man in my tent, and I am going to get married. I got a pass from my captain the other day, in order to visit my mother and father. My address is Mule Skinner and Ninth street, Camp Ordway, Va. Yours truly, CHARLES L. BINCOX, Supply Company.

ONCE ENEMIES; VETERANS MEET AT LUNCH TABLE

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., July 20.—A luncheon given yesterday in the Green Brier was unique as well as interesting. Capt. Albert Maxfield, of Glascow, Me., and Lieut. J. D. Arbutkule, of Louisa, Va., with Lieutenants Arbutkule's three sons, Drs. J. A., H. B., and J. D. Arbutkule, composed the party.

Lieutenant Arbutkule celebrated his birthday yesterday, and it is his first meeting with Captain Maxfield since the latter's capture by Lieutenant Arbutkule at the battle of Appomattox, Va., during the civil war in 1865.

When the war broke out the American consul at Beirut took over the French consulate there and sealed it up. Some weeks ago Turkish authorities, wishing to obtain the French archives, broke the American seal to enter the building.

On account of the unpleasant exchanges which have occurred with Turkey over the Armenian and Syrian questions, department officials are reluctant about discussing the details of the present dispute, in order not to add to the difficulties of the situation.

Forest Assistant Test Indefinitely Postponed

The United States Civil Service Commission announced today that the open competitive examination for forest assistant, for men only, scheduled to be held September 1, has been postponed indefinitely, because it was found that the needs of the service do not require an examination at that time.

John Sullivan.

Funeral services for John Sullivan, son of the late Eugene and Mary Sullivan, who died yesterday, will be held at the residence of his sister, Mrs. E. W. Smith, 441 Second street southeast, at 2 o'clock. Burial will be at St. Peter's Church, where requiem mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Private interment was made in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Charles A. Woodhead.

Funeral services for Charles A. Woodhead, who died Tuesday, at his residence, 1834 Fourteenth street northwest, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in Glenwood Cemetery.

O. C. Ketcham, Jr.

Funeral services for O. C. Ketcham, jr., son of the late Dr. O. C. and Emma Ketcham, who died Monday, aged forty-four years, were held at the family residence, 3628 Thirteenth street, at 2 o'clock. Private interment was made in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

William J. Reinicker.

The death of William J. Reinicker, a former resident of Washington and interested in the real estate brokerage business, was found dead in bed yesterday at his home, Forest Park, Baltimore. He was aged about seventy-two years, and is survived by his wife and daughter.

Be your own war correspondent, Mr. Guardsman. You want your friends and relatives informed as to your whereabouts and they are just as anxious to know where you are and what you are doing as you are to have them know it. Wherever you be—Radio, the Texas Border, "Somewhere in Mexico," or other place that your Uncle Sam may send you—let those who know you hear from you.

Writing letters to a large circle of relatives and friends is a tedious job after a day of hiking and drilling. You can't keep informed of your movements all the people you wish with individual letters. It would be impossible.

So THE WASHINGTON TIMES has simplified matters for you. It has established the SOLDIERS' LETTER BOX, where every guardsman can with one fell stroke, one letter, communicate with everyone he knows by writing a letter for publication there.

Acquire the habit of writing to THE TIMES gossip accounts of what you are doing in camp. Pen any kind of interesting little stories about yourself and your comrades in camp and the letters will be printed in THE SOLDIERS' LETTER BOX.

Notify your people to look for news of you there. Read it yourself to see what your comrades are writing.

Just sign your name, giving your rank, company, regiment, and station for purposes of identification and THE WASHINGTON TIMES will do the rest.

Address: "SOLDIERS' LETTER BOX," The Washington Times, Munsey Building, Washington, D. C.

MRS. AL DAVIS IS IN MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT

Automobile Is Sideswiped by Machine on Jericho Road.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Mrs. Al Davis, who came in for public notice under her maiden name of Eugenia Kelly, was the victim of another accident yesterday. While driving a new runabout on Jericho turnpike, Long Island, with her husband, the machine was sideswiped by a large touring car which tried to pass from the rear of the runabout, which carried four men, knocked the Davis chauffeur from the folding seat and was carrying on the running board.

The mudguards of the touring car, which carried four men, knocked the Davis chauffeur from the folding seat and was carrying on the running board. Mrs. Davis lost control of her car and it swerved into a fence. One wheel was smashed and the engine crippled. Mrs. Davis was severely shaken up by the accident, but she was not injured.

U. S. PREPARES NEW NOTE TO TURKEY

Reply to American Protest Is Found Unsatisfactory.

State Department officials are working on a reply to Turkey's answer to this Government's protest against the breaking of the American seal on the French consulate at Beirut.

Beyond saying that Turkey's reply was not satisfactory, officials would not discuss its details or those of the answer now being framed.

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Friday and Saturday

## OLD DUTCH MARKET

Fancy Smoked Hams, Mild sugar cured, lb. 21c

Smoked Picnic, Shoulders, lb. 15c

Fresh Creamery Butter

Holland Belle, lb. 35c

Derrydale, lb. 33c

Delfield, lb. 32c

WATER-MELONS 25c & 30c ea.

JUICY LEMONS Dozen 15c

NEW POTATOES Pk. 23c

RIPE PINEAPPLES 3 for 25c

Rib Roast Beef, lb. 22c

Chuck Roast Beef, lb. 16c

Plate Beef (to boil), lb. 12c

Boneless Pot Roast, lb. 15c

Food News

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## MANY GRATEFUL TO GUARD RELIEF BODY

Letters of Thanks Attest Good Work Being Done by Organization in District.

Letters of thanks to the Citizens' Welfare Association of the national guard and volunteers of the District attest the gratitude of those who have been aided.

The woman sent to Chicago where her husband's family will care for her in his absence has arrived there. In another case a mother has gone to work, and her children were sent to relatives in Virginia during her absence. She was entirely without funds. Miss Valerie Packard, granddaughter of General Ordway, became personally interested in three families, and she has taken them "under her wing." She called on all three today, and will take personal charge of aiding them.

The Women's Relief Association, which is working in conjunction with the Citizens' Welfare Association, is trying to increase its membership. Its officers announced today that all wives of guardsmen eligible, and not only wives of officers.

To make it easier for women to attend meetings, Mrs. William E. Harvill, president, already has had a nursery at her home, where mothers may leave their babies while they are attending sessions of the association or committee.

Mrs. M. A. Cousins, sister of Mrs. Harvill, has been placed in charge of the nursery. Already many of the women come with their children and entrust them to the nursery.

In Mrs. E. W. Eynon work of the employment committee is being looked after by J. Maury Dove and Donald Woodward.

RAZOR TOO SHARP; MUSICAL SHAVE FLAT

Neighbor's Trombone Breaks and Physician Cuts Self.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Shaving to the music of a trombone, peculiarly one liable to balk without notice, no longer appeals to Dr. Willard Arbutkule, of Salisbury, N. C., a guest at the Hotel Majestic.

Dr. Arbutkule tried the musical shave yesterday to the tune played by a man across the street from the hotel. The latter carried carefully about the chin to the rhythm of a waltz. The razor began business to a march motif, but all of a sudden the trombone came smart, and in sympathy with the disaster the razor of Dr. Arbutkule bit into his cheek.

At least that is the explanation he gave when he asked the room clerk if there was any morning mail.

Cow Plays and Mashes Woman's Thumb Off

GLEN COVE, N. Y., July 20.—Mrs. Tillie Iglowitz was leading one of the cows from her dairy across the lot. The cow became playful. She pranced about in great circles, and in doing so drew the leading rope around Mrs. Iglowitz's thumb.

Mrs. Iglowitz tried to loosen the line, but the cow's playful mood continued. When help finally came the thumb had been crushed so badly it was necessary to amputate it.

## News and Gossip From Radio Camp

Enlisted Men Taught to Memorize Insignia Worn By Officers With Fanciful Story of Young Commander's Career.

This is the way enlisted men are taught how to memorize the insignia worn by officers:

"An officer entering the United States army starts to climb a fence, and when he is a lieutenant he is on the bottom bar of the fence, hence he has one bar on his collar.

"When he climbs up he becomes a captain and gets two bars on his collar.

"Then he starts climbing a tree and gets a gold leaf, which, when worn on his coat, shows him to be a major.

"He climbs still another tree and gets a silver leaf, which makes him a lieutenant colonel.

"He continues to climb to the top of the tree and there he finds an eagle, which is the insignia for a colonel.

"He soars aloft with the eagle and reaches a star, which is the emblem worn by a brigadier general.

"If he continues to soar he will annex another star, and two stars is the insignia of a major general."

District Soldiers Building New Dining Structures

Work of constructing absolutely sanitary and insect-proof dining halls for the members of the two batteries of artillery and troop of cavalry was begun by Capt. E. M. Nevils, Quartermaster's Corps, yesterday.

The construction of the long, fine-screen wire, dining halls made it necessary to move the line of officers' tents to within a few feet of the Washington-Virginia railway tracks. The officers now sleep almost within arms' reach of Arlington Cemetery, but this fact does not disturb their rest.

The artists and cavalrymen who have been squatting on the ground to eat their meals since camp was established a month ago, welcomed the carpenters when the latter appeared with lumber, wire and tools to construct the dining halls.

The soldiers pitched in to help the carpenters so as to complete the work as soon as possible. Many of the volunteer workers showed considerable knowledge of carpentry and proved big help to the men assigned to the job.

Musicians and Dispatch Bearers Still Are Needed

Capt. E. W. Fullam, commanding the headquarters company of the militia, still is looking for about a score of men for soft jobs in the citizen-soldier. He is particularly anxious to get musicians and men who can ride horses to serve as mounted orderlies and dispatch bearers.

Capt. Fullam has charge of the band, and is particularly desirous of filling this with musicians before the Third Regiment leaves for the border. One of the twenty-seven musicians he took to the mobilization camp a month ago he now has only one.

The musician is Carl Schaefer, assistant director of the band. Seven bandmen were employed at the navy yard, and were ordered back to their

Nation's Greatest Fighting Ship Starts for Atlantic Maneuvers.

NORFOLK, Va., July 20.—The United States superdreadnought Pennsylvania, America's greatest fighting ship left the navy yard here today on her first commissioned trip. To join the Atlantic fleet in maneuvers near Newport, R. I. She will become the flag-ship of the fleet upon arriving there and will immediately try out her big guns at Narragansett Bay.

In addition to the regulation batteries, the Pennsylvania is equipped with two anti-aircraft guns, one forward turret and three on her after turret.

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