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WAR TALES RETOLD AT BIG REUNION Celebrate Fifty-third Anniversary

PRAISES FOR THE HISTORIAN Historic Pictures Presented; Banquet Addresses Full of Interest and Reminiscence

Battles were fought over again when soldiers, old and new, gathered at the City Grays armory last night to celebrate the fifty-third anniversary of the Veteran Association of the First City Zouaves and City Grays (Companies D and I).

One big feature was the distribution of bound copies of the history of the First City Zouaves and City Grays, compiled by Lieutenant Charles P. Meck, a member of the City Grays. This history appeared last winter in the Harrisburg Telegraph day by day in chapters and its appearance in book form, handsomely bound, was the result of long and diligent research on the part of the author.

Whereas, Lieutenant Charles P. Meck has discharged with great satisfaction to our association the important duty of compiling a history of the First City Zouaves and City Grays, which has been handsomely printed and illustrated and is now ready for subscribers, therefore be it

Resolved, That the sincere thanks and appreciation of this association be and are hereby tendered to Lieutenant Meck for his admirable work.

Another interesting incident was the presentation to the association of two large group pictures. One showed the City Grays in dress uniform in 1877 and the other was a portrait of the Grays when they wore their shako uniforms in 1886. Both were handsomely framed.

The presentations were made by Captain E. Laubenstein and were received on behalf of the Armory Association by Lieutenant Colonel Maurice E. Finney, of the Eighth regiment. The pictures were placed on the walls at the armory to-day.

Last night's celebration also included interesting anniversary exercises and a banquet. Major John T. Ensminger, president of the association, made the address of welcome following a prayer by the Rev. Harry Nelson Bassler, chaplain of the Eighth regiment and pastor of the Second Reformed church.

The banquet was presided over by E. J. Stackpole. Patriotic songs were sung and addresses were made by the toastmaster and by Colonel H. C. Demming, Colonel Livingston V. Rausch, Lieutenant Charles P. Meck, Chaplain Bassler, Major J. M. Peters and Captain Robert V. Vaughan.

Owing to a bad case of ivy poisoning contracted at the rifle range, Captain Copelin, who was down for a speech, could not be present.

A vote of appreciation was tendered the acting president, Major Ensminger, and thanks were also given the secretary, Sergeant Philip German, and the treasurer, Sergeant Christian Nauss.

In his introductory remarks, the toastmaster, ex-Postmaster Stackpole, a veteran of the City Grays, referred to two inspiring incidents of the last year, the great reunion of the Blue and the Gray at Gettysburg and the transfer of the battle flags at the Capitol last Monday.

He complimented the organization and dwelt upon the spirit of efficiency which had permeated the history of the late Captain Thomas F. Maule's training. He also referred to the fact that the soldiers of to-day, those of the regular establishment and the more of the National Guard, were no less valiant or patriotic than the men of the past who had upheld the best military traditions of the country.

Captain Laubenstein told of the influence of the Ellsworth Zouaves in their drills throughout the country and suggested that their appearance in this city had inspired the organization of the City Zouaves. He also gave some interesting reminiscences of the famous exhibition drills of the two commands.

Lieutenant Colonel Finney told of the new regulations and compared the present squad drills with the old and more spectacular tactics. Colonel Demming's address was brim full of interest for all present. He recalled many incidents of the Civil War period and spoke of the efficiency of the Harrisburg companies.

Major Rausch won all present by his recital of the days when the City Grays were located at Mahanoy City, his old home, in the Molly Maguire riot period. He said the fine example of the company and its officers had given him inspiration for his own organization and equipment of the Mahanoy company now in the Guard.

Lieutenant Meck's story of the preparation of the history of the two organizations and the patriotic speech by Chaplain Bassler and Captain Vaughan's remarks were loudly applauded.

Officers of the association elected are: President, Captain E. Laubenstein; secretary, Philip German; treasurer, Christian Nauss. Those present were:

Colonel Livingston V. Rausch, the Rev. Harry N. Bassler, Major J. T. Ensminger, Colonel H. C. Demming, Lieutenant Colonel M. E. Finney, Major J. Markwood Peters, Captain H. H. Baker, Lieutenant Ralph C. Crow, Major Frank L. Hutter, Captain E. Laubenstein, Captain Edward H. Schell, Captain J. J. Hartman, Captain Frank Zeigler, Lieutenant W. T. Bishop, Lieutenant Fred W. Yingst, Captain Nicholas Tack, Captain Chas. Burnheisel, Lieutenant Charles P. Meck, Lieutenant Oliver Attick, Lieutenant Charles E. Etter, Lieutenant John T. Eretz, Lieutenant Joseph P. Wilbar, Lieutenant Charles H. Chambers, Captain Robert V. Vaughan, Sergeant Philip German, Commissioner Sergeant Fred W. Huson, Color Sergeant John K. Spangler, Quartermaster Sergeant E. T. Burganstock, Christian Nauss, A. Carl Swopce, Ed. C. Humer, P. E. Bell, W. H. Hipple, George Heller, J. J. Pitky, William H. Henderson, Charles Schmidt, Shelly E. Miller, William Hoffman, Jacob Stauffer, Fred D. Shader, A. H. Shrenk, Thomas Burk R. S. Bender, J. D. Brennenman, C. H. Enck, George Ellinger, Charles Fisher, Frank G. Fahnestock, C. A. Garver, Ed. Hogentogler, Lewis Hipple, Herman S. Kautz, W. W. Lynch, W. M. Malley, Robert Napier, L. R. Pomeroy, A. S. Palmer, Thomas Peters, J. F. Rohrer, E. J. Stackpole, C. E. Wonnell, H. C. Winger, Harry C. Young, Charles P. Kinney, Frank D. Boyer.

MEDIATION IS ON BRIM OF FAILURE

[Continued From First Page] Niagara conference is marking time and threatened with complete failure, was regarded as highly significant. If it was known among officials that Minister Naon was returning, news of it was carefully guarded.

At the White House it was said that if President Wilson knew of Minister Naon's visit to Washington he had not imparted the information to officials there. It was thought, however, that the minister's visit was one of the subjects discussed at an early conference between the President and the Secretary of State.

CRISIS AT HAND The issue of the note of the Mexican delegates by Senor Rabasa and the reply of the American delegates published last night after it had been approved by President Wilson.

Almost at the hour of Mr. Naon's arrival a long message was received at the White House from the American delegate, Secretary Bryan, after his receipt said he understood that there would be a meeting in Niagara Falls at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Cabinet assembled at the White House as the news of Minister Naon's return became known. Evidently none of the other members had heard the news officially, for they received it with expressions of surprise and greatest interest.

After a short stay at his hotel Minister Naon went to the Argentine legation. He said he did not expect to have any conferences there, but planned to see Secretary Bryan later to-day.

Nothing to Say When shown a dispatch from Niagara Falls saying he had come to ask Secretary Bryan if officials here had any information which would seem to make it advisable to continue the Niagara conference Mr. Naon said:

"You had better be satisfied with that at this time. There is nothing I can say."

Although the leading agents of the Constitutionalist Junta here, including those with whom the American delegates conferred at Buffalo, were in the same hotel with Mr. Naon, it was said he would have no conferences with them whatever.

Those officials who regard mediation as having definitely failed looked upon the minister's visit as one of courtesy to officially notify President Wilson of the deadlock and inquire formally if there is anything further to be laid before the conference before it ends.

Bryan Noncommittal Secretary Bryan was more noncommittal than usual as he went to the Cabinet this morning. There were intimations that some sort of official announcement might be given out late to-day.

With mediation as a solution of the Mexican difficulty in the immediately precarious stage, attention was divided with the status of the situation between Carranza and Villa. Official reports concerning the announcements that the chief and his flying army had patched up their differences with the understanding that Villa is to have supreme command of the army were received here with the additional information that Villa is about to return to his civil offices all those Carranza supporters whom he seized when he forcibly took possession of the Constitutionalist affairs in Chihuahua. This was taken as added evidence that the difficulties had been smoothed over.

President Wilson Will Only Accept Man Who Is Favored by Both Sides

Washington, June 19.—With the outcome of mediation hanging in the balance, Washington to-day looked to Niagara Falls for the result of the next conference among the Huerta and American delegates and the three envoys which it was believed, would indicate whether Mexico's ills could be settled through diplomacy.

The statement of the American delegates, outlining their reply to the Huerta missions criticism of the attitude of the United States was widely discussed here. The statement generally was interpreted as a conclusive showing of the administration's aims in the mediation negotiations. That part of the note outlining the American government's policy in the search for a provisional president for the troubled republic was confirmatory of previous statements. It read:

"The effort therefore should be not to find a neutral but one whose attitude on the controlling issues would make him acceptable to the Constitutionals, while his character, standing and conduct would make him acceptable to the other part. Such a man, and only such a man, can reasonably be expected to have the confidence and respect of the entire country."

General Villa Begins His March on Capital

El Paso, Tex., June 19.—General Villa will leave Torreon to-day for the front above Zacatecas. This will begin the peculiar arrangement between him and General Carranza which will allow Villa full command of the zone in which he dominates and of any further territory which he can take to the south. No announcement has been made concerning the status of General Natera, as head of the central Carranza, as reported by General Carranza, as reported by General Carranza, as reported by General Carranza.

By Associated Press The general plan of the campaign now is along the lines drawn up before Carranza put Natera in command of the new zone. Villa, who has taken Juarez, Ojinaga, Chihuahua City, Gomez Palacio, Torreon and San Pedro de Northern Mexico, all within the last few months, will now have a clear road to the national capital so far as

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BRANDEIS IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., June 19.—Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, and George Rublee, of New York, appeared to-day before the Senate interstate commerce committee to discuss the railroad securities bill, already passed by the House.

PHOTOPLAY THEATER

A Warner feature of great interest heads the program to-day at the popular theater. It contains three reels and is entitled "For the Love of a Man." A two-reel Vitaphone picture will be shown to-day, entitled "Two Merry Husbands." With a real and a pretended husband the wife finds she has her hands full. "The Counterfeiters" will also be shown to-day.—Advertisement

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