

HOWITZERS OFF ON 159-MILE HIKE

All of Staunton Turn Out to Cheer the Crack Artillery Command.

SERVICES HELD AT OLD STONE CHURCH

Camped Last Night Well Down the Valley in Regular War-Time Fashion—Only Casualty, So Far, Has Been a Mashed Thumb.

BY H. W. SIMPSON. STAUNTON, VA., June 14.—With the brightly step and sweeping stride of Regulars, the Richmond Howitzers pulled out from here at 9 o'clock to-day on the first lap of the practice march through the battle-marked Valley of Virginia toward the ancient city of Alexandria, 159 miles away.

Fourteen miles the first day. The sum total of the day's tramp. It is full eight miles from Staunton to the church, where the battery rested for an hour. Whether it was the sprinting instinct or the desire for food was not explained, but these youngsters hoofed it in a fraction over two hours in actual walking time, and that, too, after spending the night in merry-making, without one wink of sleep.

With sunrise the crowds came from all directions. Representatives of Stonewall Special, Confederate Veterans, met the camp, and expressed regret that the early hour made it impossible to extend more substantial greetings, although the march would have interfered with the program and thrown the schedule out of gear.

Leutenant-Governor Elyson, Dr. James Power Smith and Congressman Lamb went to the residence of Captain T. D. Ransom for breakfast, being picked up there on the way out. Industries youngsters, with an eye on the almighty dollar, and a few flat-tops with picture cards and stamps, the one volunteer postman being loaded down when he lugged it to the station. There was a real dash of army color about the place. Instead of going under heavy marching orders, the battery was relieved of knapsacks and the like, the whole outfit being loaded, while the soldiers traveled with contents as the heaviest burden.

Great Trip From Richmond. The trip up last night was a warm proposition. In the Pullman the warm-fellow days were snoozing away, but in the day coach the thing was different. The sudden stopping of the train being followed by yells and shouts that made the inhabitants rub their eyes in wonder. It brought many of those in the rear car from the land of slumber, though nobody complained. At Gordonsville an old negro, who was there with the chicken and pie. Being a close trader, she did not hand packages into the windows until the men had crossed her palm, but she cleaned her out in a jiffy, and she went because she hadn't pulled the necks of her lower jaws.

That old woman reminds me of the 2-monade boys who staked off positions last year near Jamestown, said a private. "One sold it at 20 cents a throw. The other gave two glasses for a nickel, and when I had gulped down a couple I asked him how he could do it. With a straight face he informed me that a dog had jumped in his barrel. But watch me operate on this rooster's leg."

Thoroughly sober and orderly, the men proceeded to keep the sleepy ones awake. They gave a minstrel performance, with barkers and all the appurtenances of the real thing, the facts of which will be duly recorded in time by the "war correspondents" who liked out from here to-day, refusing to turn back toward home like ordinary typewriter pounders. When sleeping room was being dished out last night by the Pullman conductor, one of the "war" writers was assigned to an upper berth, though when he crawled down he usually turns in, the magazine brigade was stacked up on a lumber pile grinding it out by the rear. Also, there were artists aboard. On the march it will be difficult to put the war stinging through a region somewhat remote from daily reach of the telegraph.

Twenty husky mules were brought along to pull the food and raiment. It required four wagons, everything being included, even a cooking stove. With no hungry men to feed, Captain Myers has shipped cans and boxes to various points along the line of march, for what went out to-day may be cleaned up by to-morrow. There are two hacks or phaetons for the

HOWITZERS BEGIN LONG MARCH DOWN HISTORIC VALLEY



Loading wagons at Staunton.

Left to right—Captain William Myers, Lieutenant and Surgeon F. K. T. Warwick, Lieutenant J. C. Rees, Captain T. M. Wortham, battalion adjutant.

FLEET ASSEMBLING

War Ships Ordered to San Francisco Preparatory to Departure July 7th. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 14.—Assembling of the warships of the Atlantic fleet in San Francisco harbor preparatory to the beginning of the long homeward voyage across three great oceans to Hampton Roads, Virginia, and the New Jersey coast, will make the long voyage.

The ships of the Atlantic fleet now on the Northern Pacific Coast have been ordered to proceed to San Francisco as soon as possible. A departure schedule has been arranged and the fleet will be assembled in San Francisco Bay and the long lines of war vessels on the anchorage grounds will remain unbroken until the morning of July 7th, when the Atlantic fleet, headed by the flagship of Admiral Sperry, the Connecticut, will steam out on the first long leg of the trip around two-thirds of the world.

LARGE GIFT TO HOPKINS

Henry Phipps to Build and Endow Hospital for the Mentally Disordered. BALTIMORE, MD., June 14.—Prof. William H. Welsh, of the Johns Hopkins University, tonight announced that Henry Phipps, of Pittsburg and New York, just prior of sailing for Europe yesterday, arranged for a large gift to the Johns Hopkins Hospital and University for the founding of a psychiatric clinic on the lines of well-known similar institutions in Europe.

In addition, Mr. Phipps will provide for the maintenance of a medical and nursing staff of higher order, including salaries for a professor of psychiatry and assistants and other expenses for a period of ten years.

The total amount of the gift is withheld in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Phipps, but it is understood that it will considerably exceed half a million dollars.

BLIND TOM DEAD

Famous Blind Negro Pianist Dies in Poverty in Honolulu. NEW YORK, June 14.—"Blind Tom," famous negro musician, marvel of three generations of play-goers, died yesterday in Honolulu, New York, where he has been living for years in retirement and subsisting on charity. Thomas Wiggins is the name given to his burial certificate, but the real name was one which the famous pianist adopted. He was born a slave, near Columbus, Ga., about 1850.

EMPEROR RECEIVES DR. HILL

New American Ambassador Spends Half an Hour With His Majesty. BERLIN, June 14.—The emperor today received in audience the new American ambassador to Germany, David Jayne Hill, who succeeded Charlemagne Tower.

TELEPHONE WIRE CAUSES BOY'S DEATH

Party of Seven, Entering Office to Escape Storm, Struck by Lightning. Wires Had Been Left on Wall When Instrument Was Removed.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 14.—One lad was instantly killed and four others seriously, perhaps fatally, injured by lightning near Lexington, Davidson county, this morning in an unusual manner. The boys were out gathering plums, when a heavy storm came up and they took refuge in the office of a deserted manufacturing building.

FOUND REMAINS OF 3 POPES

In Great Leadon Coffin With Relics of Martyrs in Church of St. Sylvester. ROME, June 14.—In the course of excavations at the Church of San Silvestro in Capite, the explorers have just discovered a leaden coffin weighing three and one-half hundredweight containing the bodies of Popes Sylvester, Stephen and Dionysius, and many unidentified relics of martyrs interred by Paul I. in the middle of the eighth century.

ITALIANS HOLD UP AND KILL TWO MEN

WILKESBARRE, PA., June 14.—Park Clennard, a prominent citizen of Pittston, near here, was shot and instantly killed early to-day, and William Vandenberg, a councilman of the same city, who was in company with him, was fatally stabbed by two Italians. The men were on their way home when they were stopped. It is said for the purpose of robbery. As soon as the shot was fired, several persons ran to the scene and the assailants were arrested before they could get away.

The greatest excitement prevailed, and it was all the police could do to prevent the infuriated crowd from lynching the Italians. Four other Italians, who were with the assailants early in the day, were also placed under arrest.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

Great Alarm in Venezuela on Account of Sickness at Caracas. CARACAS, VENEZUELA, June 13.—(via Willemstad, Island of Curacao, June 14.—Several cases of bubonic plague have occurred here within the last few days indicating that the city probably will be widely contaminated with the disease. Great alarm is felt because no measures have been taken as yet to fight the plague in this city, and there are no serums on hand.

WANTED TO DIE

Woman Predicted Death, and Is Sullen Because She Lives. PASSAIC, N. J., June 14.—Mrs. Ann Kleelea, who had predicted that she would die at 6 o'clock this morning, still lives to-night. With the passing of the hour which she had declared would be her last on earth, the woman, who has been under guard of physicians and nurses, became sullen and defiant, and absolutely refused to take food, which had to be forced down her throat.

EARL OF DERBY DEAD

LONDON, June 14.—Frederick Arthur Stanley, Earl of Derby, died here to-day. The Earl of Derby was born January 15, 1841. He married Lady Constance Villiers, eldest daughter of the fourth Earl of Clarendon, in 1864. He was Lord of the Admiralty in 1883, Financial Secretary of War and later Secretary of War. He held the offices of Secretary for the Colonies and president of the Board of Trade. As Lord Stanley, he was governor-General of Canada in 1888-93.

WEATHER.

Showers and cooler.

MR. HANDY TALKS INSIDE POLITICS

Great and Glorious Kansas Leader Breaks Once More Into the Front Rank.

LONGS FOR RETURN OF BLAINE POLICIES

Says "Jim Sherman" Is the Quiet Tip Among "the Boys"; "T. R." Must Fade Away, and Taft Must Take the Guiding Reins.

BY WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE. (Special Correspondence of The Times-Dispatch.)

(Copyright, 1908.) "You may say," said the Hon. Abner Handy, alternate from the Ninth Kansas District, to this reporter to-day at 3:47, "that a prominent Western politician, who will not permit the use of his name, is authority for the announcement that unless Temporary Chairman Burrows revises his speech Theodore Roosevelt will not be endorsed in the address of the temporary chairman."

"It has always been customary," added Mr. Handy, "in all the conventions I have attended, for the temporary chairman to spring the name of the Republican President in power, so that he could get the first cheer; but this courtesy will be omitted in this speech unless, of course, Mr. Burrows decided to change his mind and," continued Mr. Handy, "I am reliably informed that the speech has gone to the newspapers, and the Senator will not change his mind."

Mr. Handy, who has been out of politics in Kansas since 1902, was unable to get to the convention before to-day on account of floods in the Kaw bottoms, and until his arrival the precaution of fitting geographically.

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He is a leader without fear and without reproach, and with him as our standard-bearer in this great contest the eagles of victory would perch upon our triumphant guidons. Gives a Tip. Mr. Handy was silent for a time, watching the men milling about like ants running around and around with no plan, purpose or design. Mr. Handy is one of the political forces to be reckoned with in Kansas, and has been prevailed upon by his many friends to re-enter politics, and is at least a tentative candidate for Register of Deeds of Garrison county. So when he speaks of things political he speaks by the card. He whispered, "Say, I'll give you a tip; it's Sherman sure, yes sir; nobody else but Jim Sherman. Yes sir, Jim Sherman, of New York. It's fixed; all this talk of Dulliver and Cortelyou and Hughes for Vice, say, it's just a blind. I was at a little meeting of some fellows. Now, this is way down in the subcellar, and whatever you do, don't mention my name. Just say a man, who is close to Taft, and is in a position to know, says it. Well, say, it was at a little meeting of some fellows, way-up fellows, and it's fixed, Taft, he sent Long to Dulliver, and Roosevelt, he sent Borah; but say it's all a blind. They're for Jim Sherman."

ENGINE TURNED TURTLE

Southern Train Wrecked, Three Injured and Locomotive in Ruins. CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 14.—Passenger train No. 123 of the Southern Railway, from Goldsboro to Greensboro, was wrecked near Elon College, this morning. The locomotive turned turtle, seriously injuring Engineer Atkinson, his colored fireman, and Express Messenger Morris. The train was torn up for 100 yards and the engine was completely wrecked. The injured were cared for at private rooms at Elon College, and a wrecking train with physicians was sent out from Greensboro to repair the damage. The passengers escaped injury.

KILLS WOMAN WHO DOES NOT RETURN HIS LOVE

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., June 14.—T. Luther Birchfield, a young electrician, this afternoon shot Mrs. W. A. Van Houser and then fired a pistol ball through his own breast. Both died shortly afterward. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mrs. Van Houser. It is said that Birchfield had formed an attachment for Mrs. Van Houser, and that she declined to have anything to do with him. Late to-day he went to the house, called her to the porch and began firing. She ran into the house and sank to the floor with a bullet wound in the abdomen. He then fired a bullet near his heart.

Colored Not Aground.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., June 14.—In a message to the Post Intelligence Bureau, Captain Washburn, of the United States cruiser Colorado, said that the cruiser was delayed off Dungeness Spit by fogs and is anchored in twenty-two fathoms of water. He reports that the vessel had an extremely hard trip north from California. The Colorado is not aground.

Sultan's Troops Revolt.

TANGIER, June 14.—Four thousand troops of Abd El-Aziz, the Sultan, have revolted and taken prisoner a commander and three other officers.

Exceptional Features

The Times-Dispatch has engaged Mr. William Allen White to write descriptive stories of the Republican National Convention which will be held at Chicago, and Rev. Dr. James Power Smith, who served as aide on Gen. Stonewall Jackson's staff, to write picturesque articles on the Howitzers' march through the Valley of Virginia.

Special writers will be engaged for the Democratic National Convention at Denver.

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