

FIRST ALABAMA NEGROES IN CAMP

1,700 Arrive at Cantonment Yesterday and Are Assigned To Duty At Once.

Seventeen hundred Alabama Negroes reached Camp Dodge early Tuesday morning and by nightfall had been registered and assigned to the Three Hundred Sixty-sixth colored infantry. With 321 men from Iowa, Illinois, North Dakota and Minnesota reporting for duty, the regiment has more than its full quota, and within a few days another provisional regiment will likely be organized.

Despite the prediction of many, that the southern Negroes would arrive here poorly clad and half frozen, the men as a whole presented a splendid appearance. Many had managed to procure overcoats on the way north and are at present in no danger from severe weather.

With the arrival of the men it became apparent that little heed was paid to draft regulations by many southern exemption boards. Among those reporting from Alabama were three ministers, about 800 married men, many of whom have as high as three children, and innumerable farmers.

The ministers when questioned regarding their exemption claims said that they had been filed, but apparently had not been investigated. However, the men say they are willing to serve the United States in the war on Germany.

Married Men Not Worried. Married men say they have nothing to worry about now. Questioned regarding their occupation, a large number of colored men admitted that they received small pay in the south, an average of about \$8 per week, upon which families of three and four were supported.

These same men pointed out that as a wife will receive \$15 a month from the government and \$10 for each child for the same period, in addition to an allotment of \$15 a month from their pay as soldiers, their families will be bettered by the enactment of the draft law.

Not Much Education. That the Y. M. C. A. educational classes will be filled to overflowing is the prediction made by registration officials. Many men as they passed by in line were asked the amount of education, and the almost invariable answer was "about two or three years in public school."

When these men learned that classes in reading, writing and English grammar would be established soon at the army Y. M. C. A. and they would have opportunity to attend, men lingered to ask questions, signifying their intention to enroll at the first opportunity.

Illiteracy among southern Negroes will place many northern colored men in line for non-commissioned officer positions in the regiments.

The average northern Negro has had at least a common school education. Those who do not win out in noncom jobs will undoubtedly be appointed company clerks.

A shortage of clerks for the Negro organizations caused registration officers to ask each man if he is able to read and write. Fifty per cent of the southern men have answered in the negative, while 95 per cent of the northern Negroes have this accomplishment.

Birmingham Quota Here.

The city of Birmingham, Ala., has furnished a large number of men in this first increment of Negroes, about 40 per cent coming from that city. The remainder of Jefferson county is supplying about 15 per cent of the remainder.

Washers, cotton gin workers and others make up the occupation of the majority of southern men. Only a few specialists have been sent, a number of them being automobile drivers and mechanics. The latter are to be sent to the supply and headquarter companies, in the hope that they will be of more service there than in plain infantry organizations.

Morals of Negroes are good, at least physical examinations point to that position. Medical officers in charge say that there is little disease in the system of the Negroes, much less in fact than among white men.

With muster for pay held in all organizations at the cantonment yesterday, all Negroes in the Three Hundred Sixty-ninth infantry stood the formation, and although those from the south reported today, they will be given four days' pay, it is thought, as they reported to their exemption boards last Sunday, starting north Monday.

Officers of the regiment are doing everything possible to impress upon the new soldiers that they are to be treated fairly while in the service of the United States.

Hot Coffee on Arrival.

When the men arrived from Alabama, about 2 a. m. yesterday, they

found hot coffee and lunch awaiting them. After this they were shown to their barracks, where cots and blankets had been provided, placed there by northern Negroes who reported early in the week.

The trip north was marked by new experiences for the majority of the 1,770. For many of them it was the first ride on a train. For all drafted men Pullmans were a luxury, something they had never dreamed of before.

At various places in the north, patriotic societies rewarded selected men with lunches and words of good cheer.

The most momentous event, aside from the ride in Pullmans, however, was the farewell given by the white and colored population of Birmingham. A large parade was conducted just before departure, which followed a banquet.

Later.—This morning another division arrived, consisting of 1,600.

START RIOT TRIAL AT SAN ANTONIO.

Sixty-four Soldiers Under Court Martial For Uprising.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 1.—Sixty-three soldiers of the Twenty-fourth infantry on guard duty at Camp Logan, Houston, who were placed on court martial trial here today on charges of mutiny, murder and rioting in Houston on the night of August 23, last, during which twenty-two lives were lost, armed themselves and left the camp in disobedience to orders from Maj. B. S. Snow, after he had warned them of the consequences and advised them that Corporal Chas. W. Baltimore Negro soldier had not been killed by Houston police officers. Major Snow testified this afternoon. Earlier reports, Major Snow said, were that Baltimore had been killed and the Negro soldiers were increased.

Major Snow of the Twenty-fourth infantry was in command of the Third battalion of the infantry, members of which participated in the shooting up of Houston. He was the only material witness at the first day of the military trial.

Trial in Chapel. The trial is being held in Gift chapel at Camp Travis, which has been converted into a temporary court room. Armed guards with fixed bayonets are stationed at points of vantage in the auditorium and spacious yard surrounding the building during the course of the trial. Spectators are permitted in the gallery. All of the defendants were seated in the court room.

There were originally sixty-four defendants, but one, Grant Anderson, ill of pneumonia, was unable to attend. The defendants entered pleas of not guilty when court opened.

Industry of Genius.

Most writers recognized as possessed of genius or of great talent have been voluminous producers. In most cases their talent or genius, as a rule, after being stimulated by success, has literally taken possession of them and forced them to work hard and persistently. Balzac used to have rages of industry lasting for many hours and leaving him exhausted. Scott's prodigious industry was due mainly to his determination to pay off a heavy indebtedness. Dickens was marvelously industrious. But Thackeray was lazy and used to suffer greatly from the thought of work undone. His rages of work were not voluntary, like Balzac's, but inspired by desperation. But he could take a theme for a novel and stick to it till he had produced a monumental work. If he had loved his work more, however, he might have made the world even richer than he did by his unique gift and he might have discovered in himself unsuspected veins of genius.—Exchange.

The War Garden.

Representative Mason of Illinois said in Chicago the other day: "One way to keep down prices is for every family to set up its own vegetable garden, but the trouble is that most of us are as ignorant of gardening as the chap who wrote to the seedsman: "As I wish to do my bit for the allies by growing my own provisions on a strip of rocky ground back of my house, please send me, f. o. b. one dozen potato seeds, one bee with hive complete, one dozen fruit seeds assorted, ten square yards of grass, one path, six feet of wall flowers with wall, and one dozen flour plants. I am especially particular about the grass, which should be green, and not the brown kind I see in so many gardens."

Ready-Made Pie Crust!

Someone has invented a ready-made pie crust that will keep a year. By the evidences that have been encountered it might be judged that many ambitious cooks have been experimenting for a long time with this object in view. We can guess now where some of these new composition shoe soles originated.—Providence Bulletin.

ARE BURIED ALIVE

Hindu Ascetics Revived After Three Months Under Ground.

Returned Missionary Tells of Remarkable Performance of Religious Fanatics in India.

Rev. Dr. J. C. R. Ewing, missionary to India, who recently returned to the United States after 38 years in the country of the rajahs and mahatmas, was discussing the miraculous things reported of the Hindu ascetics and admitted that he has been obliged to tell of some things which he has seen, but does not understand. Doctor Ewing said:

"It is certainly true that the Hindu magicians perform some tricks which our best sleight-of-hand performers are unable to approach. I have seen some things without being able to account for them, but I am, nevertheless, certain that they are all tricks. One of the best of these was an exhibition with cards. The performer placed a deck of cards upright in a glass. Then, taking another deck, he exposed a card and calling "come, come" several times in his native language, the identical card which he was exhibiting rose out of the deck in the glass and stood where it could be seen by a large audience right on top of the deck, the performer at the same time exhibiting the card which he had selected. I believe that this was due to clever manipulation, though I suppose some persons would ascribe it to telepathy.

"I have seen the trick of making a plant grow from a seed before the eyes, and this, too, I believe, is the result of manipulation. A curtain is placed around the vessel and then removed, and the plant shown expanding and growing.

"Somewhat more difficult to be skeptical about, however, are the performances of the Hindu ascetics, and some of these are possibly the results of religious fanaticism. I know of the case of a man who lay 14 years on a bed of spikes. That is, he was said to have lain there 14 years. Eventually, of course, he died of his sufferings. I saw the man myself, and there was no reason to doubt the tales of the length of time of his torture.

"I know also that the stories of men going into a cataleptic state and being buried are true. The tongue is pulled out as far as it can be pulled and then turned back into the victim's throat and he becomes unconscious, all animation being apparently suspended. He is buried, and after remaining in the ground for a period as long as three months in some cases, he is dug up and resuscitated.

"The theory upon which these tortures are endured is that our separate existence is a mistaken notion and that only by asceticism is it possible to overcome the mistake and realize unity with all things. The teaching which has been evolved by the Hindu ascetics is very beautiful and very attractive for a certain type of mind, but it is after all nothing but a form of atheism. The Christian religion is spreading rapidly in India, especially among the lower classes and we have great difficulty in taking care of the converts. Among the higher classes it is spreading, too, although formal assent to it is slow on account of the severity of the caste ostracism which follows conversion. The English government has the country well in hand and it would seem that the country is destined for a very rapid development both in Christianity and democracy.

Old Emperor Saw Clearly.

In 1875, when France was recovering from the war of 1870-71, the German government, or at least the military party, it was said, was proposing to crush her once more. When Delaune became satisfied as to the accuracy of the report, he published, on May 6, the story. "The effect produced by the revelation of the German plot was instantaneous, universal and profound. Both the Russian emperor and Queen Victoria appealed to the German emperor to stay his hand. The German emperor denied the truth of the queen's allegations, and a sentence in his letter is worth recalling today in the reign of his grandson: 'No one is more thoroughly convinced than the writer that he who provokes a war in Europe will have the whole of public opinion against him, and will accordingly have no ally, no neutral, bienveillant, but, rather, adversaries.'"

Must Sleep.

It was nearly noon when the late traveling man found the night clerk of the little hotel in a North Carolina town.

"I told you to call me for the two o'clock train. Now I have to lose twenty-four hours' time. Why didn't you call me?"

"I couldn't very well," explained the clerk cheerfully. "I just got up myself."—Everybody's Magazine.

Why Should We Wash?

Why does a boy object to washing his neck and ears? Or object still more seriously to having them washed? I have evolved a scientific and psychological reason which is a complete answer to the question, but I prefer to answer it by making a personal confession based on my own boyhood experience, says Edwin Puller in the Mother's Magazine. As a small boy, I objected to washing my own ears because I could not see the dirt and because I believed it unnecessary waste of time which might be used more profitably in play; and I strenuously objected to my mother performing the operation because she always hurt me.

There is no period of the boy's life more trying to the parent than the period between eight and twelve, except only the age of early adolescence. The chief characteristic of early boyhood is individualism. He now recognizes himself as an individual entity not correlated to society at large. He feels no obligation to humanity because he does not yet realize that he is an integral part of it. His individualism manifests itself in selfishness and self-centeredness.

Spirit of Martyrdom.

Here and there may be found persons not recognized as great and yet really great. They are working for great ideas. For their efforts they may be severely punished. Can it be said of them that the rest will follow? Surely it can. They are the pioneers. They blaze the paths for other great persons who reap the reward of what they have done. They are very pathetic, these martyrs. And yet, in a sense, they are not pathetic at all. They have the joy of working for something worth while, even of suffering for it and perhaps going down to seeming defeat. There is the spirit that animates many of the young men at this moment offering up their lives to their country. Suddenly by means of their self-sacrifice, life becomes enhanced for them and death itself has taken on a kind of beauty.—New York Evening Telegram.

She Was Out of It.

Old Zeb Jackson, the champion whitewasher, walked down the main street of the village one morning dressed in his best suit, with a large, brilliant buttonhole bouquet and with cotton gloves on his big hands.

"Hello, Zeb," said the postman, "are you taking a holiday?" "Dish yer," said the old man with a proud wave of his huge hand, "dish yer am mah goldin' wedding anniversary, sah. Ah'm celebratin' hit." "But your wife," said the postman, "is working as usual. I saw her at the wash tub as I passed your house." "Her?" said Zeb hotly. "She ain't got nuffin' ter do wif hit. She's mah fourth."—Omaha Herald.

HOCKING IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.) (Last Weeks Items.) Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Roper of Albia, Iowa, moved to Hocking, Iowa, last week on account of Mr. Roper being the hoisting engineer of No. 5 shaft. Mr. Lincoln Taylor of Des Moines is visiting his sister, Mrs. Oscar Roper.

Mrs. T. Robinson of Des Moines, Iowa, is visiting her sons, Mr. Joe and Sam Robinson.

Miss Alberta Robinson of Albia was in town Sunday, spending the evening with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Robinson.

Mrs. Nancy Burns is home from the Albia hospital.

IOWA CITY.

(Special to Bystander.) Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller gave a

card party Friday evening in honor of Lieutenant Hal Short. The games were played at three tables. The favors were awarded to Mr. Titus, first prize; Miss Mamie Dean, second prize; Miss Elizabeth Gross, third prize. Refreshments were served.

She Put the Tea in Ptomaine.

A seven-year-old Columbus girl came home from school and reported one of her classmates had hurt his toe and was unable to be at school. "It's very serious," she said, "and they are afraid he is going to have ptomaine poisoning."—Indianapolis News.

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