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NEWS FROM THE SOLDIERS.

(Special Correspondent.)

FIRST BATTALION INFANTRY, U. S. V. CAMP CORBIN, VA., July 18. Co. C under command of Capt. R. A. Graves reached camp Friday evening last, were met at the station and escorted to camp by Co. B under command of Lt. C. L. W. Y. The men are getting used to camp life. They arise at 5 o'clock, roll call at 5:30 breakfast at 6, surgeons call at 8:30, guard mount at 9, drill from 9:30 to 11, dinner at 12, drill again in the afternoon, dress parade at 5, supper at 6, taps are sounded at 9:30, and all lights are required to be extinguished in camp.

The weather has been extremely hot but the men have experienced few serious inconveniences, and there are very few cases in the hospital, and only one serious trouble has occurred. The men as a rule are well behaved. On Saturday one man attempted to pass a sentinel, and received a bayonet thrust through the thigh. He is confined to his tent under arrest, but is doing as well as can be expected. Captain Hankins, being the ranking captain is in command of the camp.

Sunday was a gala day in camp and was only marred by a severe lightning and rain storm. Among the visitors to camp we noticed Capt. W. S. Cowan, Capt. Foster, Joseph L. Forrester, Mrs. Bettie Graves, Misses Bertha Scott, Susie Crump, Minnie Almond, and a host of friends of the boys in blue.

The men seem to be perfectly contented and spend their leisure moments in playing cards, base ball and writing letters home. Company G is building their own kitchen and mess hall, and in a few days will be doing their own cooking. The roads are miserably dusty and it is next to impossible to keep clean. The men are required to bathe twice a week.

Starting to-day, the quartermaster's department is issuing supplies of clothing, shoes and underclothes, which some of the men are sorely in need of. A few PLANETS were brought down to camp Sunday and were warmly welcomed. The editorials were freely commented upon and the PLANET will always be a welcome visitor.

Considerable excitement was caused in camp by one of the pickets on an outpost a few nights ago. He was attacked by a gang of tramps and was quite badly hurt. The alarm was sounded and the entire camp called out. Two shots were fired, but it was impossible to catch the gang, who escaped into the woods.

HAM. COLORED SOLDIERS IN BATTLE. [Baltimore, Md., Morning Herald.] It did not need the demonstration which took place at the battle of the desperate battle of La Quasina to prove the valor of the colored troops. Even as far back as 85 years ago, during the Civil War, it was satisfactorily shown that colored men, under proper discipline, made efficient soldiers, and the memorable report of General Butler that "the colored troops fought nobly" was not an empty compliment.

According to authentic accounts of the La Quasina engagement, it was the gallant interposition of the Tenth United States Cavalry, colored, which probably saved the Rough Riders from annihilation, and which enabled them to drive the Spaniards from their strong ambushed position.

The testimony of the commanding officers and of all observers was to the effect that the Tenth Cavalry made a brilliant dash and stood to its colors bravely, manifesting conspicuous evidence of personal courage and splendid training.

Whatever may be the racial prejudices against the colored segment of our population, they are not strong enough in any quarter to obscure the public appreciation of the fact that the colored citizen makes an admirable soldier in many respects. In physical development he meets every military requirement, his powers of endurance are in no wise inferior, and he has the adventurous spirit which fits him for life on the tented field.

Of the 70,000,000 people of our great Republic over 7,000,000 are colored, and it is gratifying to know that this formidable element is proving its value in periods of public peril.

The American people are fair-minded, and they delight to give honor where honor is due. They applaud the valor of the Tenth Cavalry as heartily as the heroic dash of the Rough Riders.

In this free and enlightened country the paths of glory are open to all alike.

Notice! Notice!! The Anniversary Sermon of the I. O. of St. Luke, State of Maryland, will be preached by Rev. W. F. Graham, at 5th Street Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, July 17th, 1898. All members are hereby notified to meet in the Lecture room of said church at 5 o'clock p. m., July 17th, 1898.

By order of Past Officers' Council, R. D. BOWSER, W. C. BELLE CHRISTIAN, Aet. Sec'y.

FROM HAKENBAEK. Personal and Briefs—Rev. Hill's Efforts. HAKENBAEK, N. J., July 12, 1898. The churches were poorly attended last Sunday with the exception of the A. M. E. Church. The Bishop was with them and they were out to meet him. The Bishop's sermons were fine. At night a large number were at the church to hear Rev. J. L. Marible, the pastor preach. Text, Psalm 27:37. July 9th, Rev. Hill of Newark, N. J., preached an able sermon to the Mt. Olive congregation. The ladies of Mt. Olive Church have secured pulpit seats, and are laboring hard now to secure new pews. They will be ready in thirty days.

Mrs. Carrie Braxton and Miss Mollie Wilson are out again. Mr. W. H. H. is on the sick list. Mrs. L. Minor has gone to New York City to spend a few weeks. Rev. J. L. Marible will take his vacation soon. He will visit Richmond. Mrs. A. Morton's little child is sick with the whooping cough. Miss Rosa Mings left last Thursday for Warrenton, N. C.

Don't borrow your neighbor's Planet card. D. H. Hassell and buy for yourself.

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There was a grand complimentary testimonial to Mr. George W. Sebastian, the popular leader of the efficient orchestra at St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church last Wednesday evening, July 13th. There were instrumental and vocal assistance. The soloists and duets were very well rendered. W. N. CROMWELL. Two Colored Men Lynched.

LITTLE ROCK, July 14.—A double lynching, in which Jim Reed and Alex. Johnson (both colored) were the victims, occurred at Monticello, Ark., today. A mob of men broke down the doors of the jail, and entered the cell-room, poured a volley of shots into the cages where the men were confined. Johnson is dead and Reed is fatally wounded. They were convicted of killing W. S. Skipper, a risk planter and merchant of Baxter, and were sentenced to be hanged. An appeal to the Supreme Court had granted them a new trial.

LIKES THE CHANGE. [Washington, D. C., Colored American] The Richmond PLANET comes this week in a new and improved form. The six column quarto is a much more convenient size for a newspaper than the old time blanket sheet. Congratulations, Brother Mitchell.

FROM HUNTINGTON. The Recruits Ready—Rev. Puller's Sermon—A Lawn Fete—The Mt. Olivet Association. HUNTINGTON, W. VA., July 18, '98. John Bundrant, recruiting officer here for the colored volunteers, received a letter from Captain Hood on the 14th inst, stating that he must present his men before the Governor Monday morning. The boys numbered 24. They left Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Puller was also with us Sunday. He preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning, and by request preached to the volunteers at night. Text, 1st Sam. 4:9; theme, "Negro soldiers."

WASHINGTON LETTER

THE FALL OF SANTIAGO Yellow Fever Among the Troops.

THE BOND ISSUE. National Banks for the Colonies.

NO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. A Story Without Foundation.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 18, 1898. On to Porto Rico! and on to Spain! are now the twin watchwords of President McKinley and his administration. Commodore Watson's fleet will probably be on the way to Spain before this is printed, and the expedition against Porto Rico will be started at the earliest possible moment. Havana is to be left alone for the time being, as the delay is daily weakening the effectiveness of Blanco's troops. Gen. Shafter's great victory in the capture of Santiago and 25,000 Spanish troops, with their arms and ammunition, would have caused much more rejoicing had it not been accompanied by the news that the yellow fever had broken out in our army at Santiago. Everything that money and science and medical skill can do with it will be done. The disease is being done, and the reports indicate that the fever is so far of a mild type, but there will be much uneasiness until the full extent of the infection becomes known.

TO RETURN THEM TO SPAIN. The War Department is perfecting arrangements to send the Spaniards who surrendered at Santiago, back to Spain, under parole, in accordance with the terms of surrender, and they will be hurried off as soon as possible. Sending them to Spain is the best possible thing to do with them. It will be easier than feeding them and keeping them as prisoners, either in Cuba or in the U. S., and even if it wasn't, it would still be the best way to get rid of them.

Secretary Alger is very proud of a letter he has received from a gentleman who held command in the Union army during the civil war and who has a world wide reputation as an authority on military matters. The tenor of the letter may be judged from this extract: "You have shown the world what American staff departments under a head of great and able ability can create in an emergency. It is difficult to create an army, equip it and move it, and it requires a peculiar kind of ability."

A LARGE SUBSCRIPTION. The total amount of subscriptions to the war bonds was \$1,865,000,000, and would doubtless have been twice as large had not the certainty they would not get any prevented many large financial concerns from offering to take big blocks of the bonds. The meaning of this offer of our own citizens to loan the government one billion, three hundred and sixty-five million dollars, at three per cent interest, will be more fully appreciated in Europe than among ourselves. It is a proof of the patriotism of our people. President McKinley is much pleased to know that the entire issue of the bonds will go to individuals, not one of whom will get more than \$5,000, and that almost half of the \$200,000,000 will go out in lots of \$500 or less. It is a popular loan sure enough.

REQUESTS FOR AUTHORITY. As an additional proof that Americans always keep near the head of the procession, whether they are engaged in fighting with deadly weapons or in the struggle of the pen, it may be mentioned that applications for authority to established National banks in the following places have been filed at the Treasury Department, Honolulu, Havana, San Juan, Porto Rico and Manila.

A Washington delegation of the Red Cross Society has been making a personal investigation of the arrangements for the comfort of the sick and wounded in the hospital at Fortress Monroe and report all patients comfortably provided for in the way of accommodations. To meet a need, the Red Cross has issued an appeal for contributions of delicacies for the patients.

GEN. MILES' GOOD JUDGMENT. Gen. Miles added much to his popularity by giving Gen. Shafter credit for the victorious campaign against Santiago, in his official dispatches to Secretary Alger, and proved that he meant exactly what he said when he went to Cuba, that he was going to make observations, and not to supersede Gen. Shafter. It might be supposed from the tenor of the European cable news, that negotiations for peace between the U. S. and Spain were under way. Such is not the case. There has been no negotiations, in fact, no word from Spain on the subject. This government has had an ample sufficiency of negotiations with Spain, and is not likely to countenance any in connection with peace.

SPAIN MUST SUB FOR PEACE. There will be no need for any. When Spain thinks she has been thrashed sufficiently, she can obtain our terms of peace by asking for them. As they will not be revised from there, there will be no occasion for any negotiations; the terms must be either accepted or rejected at once. The statement that President McKinley had sold the terms of peace to a European diplomat, in order that he might make them known to Spain, was a bare-faced lie, with not even a probable foundation. It is not customary for the victorious country to offer terms of peace before they are



SHAFTER, SAMPSON AND GARCIA HOLDING A COUNCIL OF WAR.

The war conference in the camp of the Cuban general, Callisto Garcia, at Acoraderos between General Garcia, General Shafter and Rear Admiral Sampson is likely to prove historic because of the fact that it marked the practical beginning of definite hostilities against the Spaniards by the combined army and navy of the United States in conjunction with the Cuban army of liberation. The conference took place in a hut, and on guard about the three famous leaders were five brown negro sentries, naked to the waist.

COLORED TROOPS WIN PRAISE FROM THE WHITE PRESS.

Splendid Behavior of the 24th Regiment of United Infantry.

[From the Springfield Republican.] "It is surprising, perhaps shameful, that there has been so little recognition of the fact that the Twenty-fourth Regiment of United States Infantry, which so distinguished itself at San Juan hill last Friday, was composed of Negroes.

The correspondents of the New York papers at the front seem to have utterly ignored the fact. They miss no opportunity to glorify Roosevelt's Rough Riders or the seventy-five New York Volunteers for their work on that day, yet never a word about this regiment of colored regulars.

Col. T. W. Higginson, who learned to appreciate the value of Negroes some thirty-five years ago, will not be surprised at the story of Twenty-fourth Infantry at San Juan. Three companies of the regiment lost every one of its officers before the fighting was over. Four of the regimental Captains were knocked over by Spanish bullets within a minute of each other, and the Lieutenant Colonel was severely wounded.

It is said that the Twenty-fourth really bore the brunt of the San Juan fight, the Spaniards directing their main attack upon them on the theory that Negroes would not stand the punishment. Yet companies remained steady without a single officer. As a final display of their remarkable discipline and nerve, this regiment of Negroes under the hottest fire of the day, "changed front forward on its tenth company," which is called a maneuver not altogether easy on a peaceful parade ground home.

The value of a Negro as a soldier can hardly be doubted after that day's work. While we are distributing cards of merit to Generals and Commodores, let us not forget the colored soldiers of the Twenty-fourth Infantry."

Endorsements. JETTERVILLE, VA., Mar. 28, '98. Rev. L. E. Miller, Center Baptist Church; To whom it may concern: This is to certify that Rev. L. E. Miller is authorized to beg publicly for the building of the said church. Done by order of the above named church, MARY HILL, Clerk.

RICHMOND, VA., April 4, '98. This certifies that we, the Richmond Ministers Conference most heartily endorse Rev. L. E. Miller as a most worthy minister, who is doing a good work at Jetterville, Va., and any help given him to assist his work will be in our opinion most worthily bestowed.

By order of the Richmond Baptist Ministers Conference, JAS. H. HOLMES, Pres.; W. D. LEWIS, Sec'y. Rev. Miller is a graduate of Lincoln University, Chester, Pa., and Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Macedonia Association. The Macedonia Association will meet at Rev. R. Tribbey's church, Spring Creek Baptist Church, Chesterfield Co., Va., August 24, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M., by the way of Danville Railroad, and by the way of the Street Car to upper end of Manchester with the delegates from both places.

Rev. A. PREGOUSTON, Chairman; Rev. R. TRIBBEY, Secretary.

FROM TRENTON. Personal Items—Church Rally—Rev. Smith's Sermon—A Testimonial. Col. William H. Williams of Uniform Rank, K. P., of Bordentown, N. J., visited our city last week.

Several ladies from Pennington came to our city a few days ago and were admired by the porter at the American House. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Holmes and family, and her sister, Miss Florence Raper, accompanied by W. N. Cromwell visited their mother, Mrs. S. Raper, at Arnegstown, N. J., last Sunday.

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