

AMERICAN CAMP SHOWS UP WELL

YANKEE SOLDIERS ARE WELL PROVIDED FOR

A. J. Brace Tells of the "Jack-ass" Battery and Other Features.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
A daily programme laid out on systematic, practical lines—a fully equipped field hospital conducted as it would be in actual warfare—a splendid water system by which the water is drawn out by the lake and pumped through pipes into the camp of every company on the grounds—the most careful provision in every detail for the comfort and welfare of 5,000 men—are some of the things which excited the surprise and admiration of A. J. Brace, general secretary of the Victoria Y. M. C. A., who has just returned from a week's visit to the American soldiers' camp on American lake, some 15 miles south of Tacoma.

"The camp," said Mr. Brace, "resents a very fine appearance. It is situated on a very level piece of country and covers an immense piece of ground. All the tents are kaki colored, and the uniforms of all the men and cavalry and artillery trappings are of the same color.

"The encampment is divided into three principal divisions—the artillery, cavalry and infantry camps. Then there are, of course, the engineers' and field hospital quarters. The tents are arranged in almost perfect lines, and the aisles are kept clean of rubbish. The ground inside of each tent is carpeted with moss and tan bark, and round trenches are dug outside, surrounded by white washed cobble stones.

"Being an artillery man Mr. Brace naturally took a lively interest in the manoeuvres of the field batteries.

"They have two batteries of 2.90 guns, which they call the Jack Ass batteries, said Mr. Brace, "the guns and equipment being packed on four mules. One animal carries the gun proper, a second takes the gun carriage and wheels, the third packs the cradle, and the fourth is assigned to carry the ammunition. These mules are led by mounted gunners. At a test recently held these mule batteries galloped fifty yards, the gunners dismounted, unloaded guns and ammunition and got off a shot in the short time of 54 seconds. The record for this performance made two years ago was 21 seconds, which is considered a feat little short of marvelous. These guns have an effective range of 4,000 yards. They are properly called mountain batteries, and are especially intended for field operations conducted in a very hilly country.

"The personnel of this army is of a very fine standard. It is a mixed camp of regulars and militia, some of the militia coming from as long a distance as North Dakota. A large number of the regular troops have seen service in the Philippines and Cuba, and a great many of the remainder, while they have not actually seen active service, have been garrisoned in foreign parts, so that in this way a fine military balance is sustained.

"The first three days of this week the troops have been working on what they call 'field problems.' In preparation for a grand sham battle, which is being prepared for, and which will practically wind-up the camp, where the troops have been already under arms for two months. To-day they are holding a concert of massed bands.

"The dust incidental to every large summer camp, was laid and the camp kept clean and cool by two large water-wagons which traversed the whole grounds every morning and afternoon.

"General Brush, the commander of the troops, highly complimented the Y. M. C. A. on their work among the men, especially for the provision State Secretary Wilcox, who has charge of this department, had made in the way of healthful reading matter and recreation.

"The Y. M. C. A. had two tents on the field, one of which was used by the officers for teaching purposes.

"Mr. Brace gave addresses every night in the camp. Last Saturday he spoke to a large audience on his own experience in South Africa, and on Sunday conducted an evangelical meeting.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

REV. J. W. WADMAN IS ON VISIT HERE

Well Known Clergyman Renewing Friendships in This City.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Rev. J. W. Wadman arrived in the city to-day at noon by the steamship Manuka from the Hawaiian Islands. Rev. Mr. Wadman is now superintendent of the Methodist mission in this city. In this position he is kept constantly on the move visiting the forty missions under his charge. Mr. Wadman will be remembered by many of the older residents of the province as pastor of Centennial Methodist church in this city nearly twenty years ago. Since leaving Victoria he has been identified with mission work in China and Japan, and for the past four or five years has been in the Hawaiian Islands. During his stay in Victoria he will probably have an opportunity of speaking in the city churches at the week evening services. He is forced to leave for Seattle on Saturday, and will proceed direct to the Coast, visiting various Methodist Episcopal conferences reporting to them upon the work under his charge.

Mr. Wadman is in love with his new field of labor and the Hawaiian people. They are kind and lovable in character, he says, and it is a pleasure to work among them. The native race seems doomed to extinction, however, he thinks, as disease and rum have worked devastation among them. There are now only about 30,000 of the natives left. The whole country is nominally Christian. The mission here is partially self-supporting and kept up by donations from the conferences on the Pacific Coast of the United States.

PROMINENT ODD FELLOW VISITING THIS CITY

G. T. Clarke, of Sydney, Arrived on Manuka To-day.

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One of the passengers on the Manuka to-day was G. T. Clarke, past grand sire of the grand lodge of Australasia Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and at present grand secretary of the grand lodge of New South Wales, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Clarke is on his way to Denver, Colorado, as a representative of Australia at the meeting of the sovereign grand lodge of the I. O. O. F., which convenes there on the 21st of September next. He is the first representative of that body from any of the quasi independent grand bodies of that organization and will no doubt be heartily welcomed.

Brother Clarke was met at the Odd Fellows' lodges of this city who will pay him every attention during his stay in the city. He will attend a meeting at Columbia lodge, No. 2, this evening and the members of the order are invited to attend and meet him.

Brother Clarke is an alderman of the city of Sydney, N. S. W., and has been president of the Manufacturers' Association of that state. He is closely identified with the business and political associations of New South Wales and comes highly recommended by the lord mayor of Sydney and by the Premier of New South Wales and of the commonwealth of Australia.

He will remain in the city until tomorrow, when he will proceed to New York, Philadelphia and Washington, visiting on route Winnipeg, Niagara and Toronto, and return from Denver by the way of San Francisco and Seattle.

ARREST OF ALLEGED SMUGGLER OF OPIUM

Fireman on Steamship President Found With Contraband on Him.

When the steamship President arrived at Seattle from San Francisco via Victoria on Monday, James Murphy, a fireman, was arrested by United States customs inspectors and charged with being an opium smuggler. When searched Murphy was found to be wearing under vest made especially for smuggling opium and in the vest at the top of the vest were concealed ten pounds of opium. Suspicion was directed against a fellow fireman of the ship, who was arrested by Inspector Mc-

OTTAWA NOMINEES.

FOR FERNIE SUFFERERS.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—At a meeting of the board of trade council yesterday it was decided to close the Fernie relief fund and send the balance to Fernie. The fund amounts to \$4,040, and already \$5,000 has been sent to Fernie. The remaining sum will go to-day.

COUNT TOLSTOI ILL.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—The St. Petersburg morning newspapers state that Count Leo Tolstoy's condition is very grave. He has been suffering for some time past with dilation of the valves, which recently became complicated by an attack of influenza. He is suffering greatly from weakness.

BARQUE ACME HAD AN EVENTFUL TRIP

Thrown on Beam Ends During Fast Passage Around Cape Horn.

In her first 111-day voyage around Cape Horn the Columbia River to New York the Standard Oil ship, the Acme, logged 386 knots one day, says a New York dispatch. She had paltry airs in the Pacific, it taking her 82 days to run her southing to Cape, including 15 days of fog and head winds in trying to double the Horn. Getting into the Atlantic she came along faster than tramp steamer-time, taking only 49 days between Cape Horn and Sandy Hook. She brought 2,500,000 feet of Oregon pine, including a 4-ft. high deck load, the latter being the worst thing he ever carried, says Capt. A. T. McKay, a Nova Scotian.

The Acme went from Kobe to Portland for her immense shipment of wood, and four days out from Japan with 1,300 tons sand ballast in her hold, she was thrown on her starboard beam ends by heavy seas. Captain McKay is authority for the statement that the pendulum of the "list" dial which records as high as 46 degrees, swung over as far as it could go, and was more than 45 degrees. The shifting of the ballast occurred at 5 a.m., and that evening the stays of the three topgallant masts were chopped away, and the masts went over the side, but the vessel did not right. For seven days she lay on her beam ends with the arm of the starboard main yard at time touching the water. Meanwhile the crew toiled working and taking their food of bread and canned stuff, in the absence of fresh food, in the vessel's hold. Capt. McKay said that some of his men afterwards swore that the ship was so far down on her side that they could see her keel. He said that he had no reason to doubt the accuracy of the statement. "It was the narrowest squeeze that I ever was in," he added.

The Acme had scarcely got on an even keel when she came within 20 feet of hitting a wayward floating mine that had escaped from Japanese waters. Another danger of the voyage was that although she took less than two months, her navigators saw five full moons. The first was seen as she left the Oregon coast, the second in crossing the Equator in the Pacific, the third off Cape Horn, the fourth in crossing the line in the Atlantic, and the fifth when she arrived off Sandy Hook.

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C.P.R. LOSSES IN FERNIE FIRE.

Company Shipping in 1,000 Italian Laborers to Work on Destroyed Property.

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—A thousand Italians will be sent to-morrow on special trains on their way to the Crow's Nest division to be set to work on the C.P.R. property destroyed by fire at Fernie and adjacent towns.

SOUTH WATERLOO NOMINEE.

Galt, Ont., Aug. 26.—South Waterloo Conservatives yesterday nominated Geo. A. Clark, M. P., as their candidate for the Commons.

MAGISTRATE JAY AGAIN ON BENCH

E. M. Johnson Fined For Violation of By-law.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
In the police court this morning Magistrate Jay was again on the bench, having returned from his trip to the coast. The only case to be disposed of was that against E. M. Johnson for violating the city regulations which prohibit depositing ashes in proximity to a wooden structure. In prosecuting Chief Watson of the department and V. Stewart of the brigade testified that they found ashes piled between two buildings and touching the one where the fire had been discovered.

This condition of affairs was denoted by Mr. Johnson, who contended that the pile was composed of crumbled plaster, although there might have been a few ashes thrown on top of it. He felt positive the fire did not originate from the pile. Mr. Johnson took a preliminary objection that it had not been proved that he owned the property.

The magistrate, however, took the opposition opinion and expressed the opinion that the fire started from that pile and that the by-law had been violated. He fined Mr. Johnson \$20.

Mr. Johnson expressed his intention of appealing from the decision.

GOING TO INDIA.

Opening Up Rich Valley of Fraser

Considerable Railway Mileage Will Be Opened in Near Future.

New Westminster, Aug. 26.—Never before in the history of the Fraser valley has there been so much railway building actually in progress and so much of it is being opened to public traffic in the near future.

The V. & E. railway is already rapidly finishing the ballasting of both the new line between this city and Blaine, and the branch from Cloverdale to Huntingdon, and a large number of work trains are engaged in laying the gravel. Both branches will be open within a few weeks.

The builders of the electric railway from this city to Chilliwack are also pushing work as fast as possible. Engineer Sinclair, who is in charge of the work, states that the section between New Westminster and Cloverdale will be ready for tracklaying in a month's time and that if no delay is encountered it will be ready for traffic before the end of the year. The electric line from this city to Eburne is also rapidly nearing completion.

It is reported that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company is also contemplating the building of another belt line between this city and Vancouver, when the railway line between here and Westminster Junction is electrified, by the continuing of a line from the junction to Vancouver.

As the C. P. R. is building a new line between the junction and Port Moody the electric company would only have to build about twelve miles of a twenty-four mile line. A number of large property owners have offered free right-of-way through their property, and these include the North Pacific Lumber Company, owners of the town of Barnet through which the line will pass.

CANADA AHEAD.

Motherland Behind Hand in Matter of Agricultural Education.

Guelph, Aug. 27.—The Scottish agriculturists who are touring Canada visited the Ontario agricultural school yesterday and were much impressed. One of them stated that Canada was ahead of Britain in the matter of agricultural education, and expressed the hope that the Imperial government would awake to the importance of the great benefits of such institutions as Canada could boast of.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT ROSSLAND MINE

Shaft-house of Abe Lincoln Property Destroyed—Incendiarism Feared.

Roseland, Aug. 26.—Damage to the extent of several thousand dollars was done Saturday night by a fire which destroyed the shaft house and other surface buildings of the Abe Lincoln mine. Shortly before 10.30 o'clock flames were noticed shooting up from the mine, which is situated on a hill in the southwestern portion of the city. An alarm was sent in, but owing to the fact that the buildings were about 200 feet higher than the reservoir, the brigade did not go. Although the mine has not been worked for many years it was said to be the best equipped concern in the district. There are an electric hoist and motor, and a compressor, also driven by electricity. These were absolutely destroyed. At the time a thunderstorm was raging and it is believed lightning struck the building and started the fire.

Chief of Police T. H. Long was soon at the mine, and under his direction efforts were made to prevent the fire spreading to the surrounding bush. Just when most urgently needed a downpour of rain began and ended the efforts of the fire fighters.

J. E. Sorlin, agent for the property, believes the fire was the outcome of incendiarism, and has offered a reward for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of any guilty person.

HEAVY FINE FOR ABETTING REVOLUTION

French Company to Pay \$5,000,000—"Aiming at" Castro Regime.

Caracas, Ven., Monday Aug. 25, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Aug. 27.—The civil courts of first instance to-day handed down a judgment declaring the French Cable Co., guilty of complicity in the Mateos revolution against President Castro and condemning it to pay damages of \$5,000,000. In addition the company must pay a further amount, to be assessed later by experts.

POLICING OF COURSE IN VANDERBILT AUTO RACE

Supervisors Agree on Terms to Guard Against Accidents.

New York, Aug. 26.—The terms of the Vanderbilt cup race as arranged by the Nassau supervisors, will demand much more from the Auto Association of America in the way of policing the course and protecting pedestrians on the days of practice and actual competition than ever in any previous running of the famous auto contest.

They will require the officials of the race, by which is meant the Auto Association, to employ at least 1,000 men to police the course, and these men must be clad in white uniforms from head to foot. On the day of the race which is scheduled for Oct. 24, special policemen must be on duty from five a.m. until 6 p.m. Mounted guards will be required to station themselves at the various cross roads and at all the important turns in the course. Groups of five mounted men must be placed in order to warn pedestrians that they "venture on the course at their peril." In addition to the mounted men, at least 1,000 other men must be scattered over the course to warn people of the danger and to maintain order.

The entrants for the race will be allowed to take practice runs over the course, but not after 7 a.m. The days upon which practice may be indulged in must be advertised in the country prints at least 20 days previous to such practice, and if any of the contestants are caught exceeding the speed limit he will be arrested and disqualified from competing in the race. The A.A.A. has until Sept. 31, to accept the rules.

DAMAGE TO MINE STRUCTURE.

Sydney, N. S. Aug. 26.—Fire at Sydney mines yesterday burned off the roof of the washed coal storage shed. The damage was \$2,000.

BOY CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Halifax, Aug. 26.—Roy Chisholm, 14 years of age, of Sheet Harbour, is under arrest, charged with killing Percy Taylor, a 12-year-old companion, as the result of a quarrel.

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The builders of the electric railway from this city to Chilliwack are also pushing work as fast as possible. Engineer Sinclair, who is in charge of the work, states that the section between New Westminster and Cloverdale will be ready for tracklaying in a month's time and that if no delay is encountered it will be ready for traffic before the end of the year. The electric line from this city to Eburne is also rapidly nearing completion.

It is reported that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company is also contemplating the building of another belt line between this city and Vancouver, when the railway line between here and Westminster Junction is electrified, by the continuing of a line from the junction to Vancouver.

As the C. P. R. is building a new line between the junction and Port Moody the electric company would only have to build about twelve miles of a twenty-four mile line. A number of large property owners have offered free right-of-way through their property, and these include the North Pacific Lumber Company, owners of the town of Barnet through which the line will pass.

TRIES TO CHEAT LAW.

Man Charged With Murder Makes Disparate Attempt at Suicide.

Ironton, Ohio, Aug. 27.—Robert J. Frowine, in jail here charged with the murder of Harry Frecks, attempted suicide yesterday by butting out his brains against a sharp shelf projection in his cell. The prisoner wounded himself a dozen times, but he was not killed, and he will likely die, as it is believed that his skull is fractured. The man's scalp is literally hacked to pieces.

Frowine and Frecks were rivals for the place of central committeeman on the Republican ticket. Frowine met Frecks on the street and shot him.

ARGENTINA NAVY.

Chamber of Deputies Approves Building of Warships.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 27.—It is stated that a secret sitting of the Chamber of Deputies approved the scheme for the proposed new armaments which includes the building of two powerful battleships, a flotilla of torpedo boats, and destroyers, and the purchase of a reserve of guns.

SEAL POACHERS TO BE TRIED AT VALDEZ

Over 100 Men Were Aboard Schooners Captured by Cutter Bear.

Valdez, Aug. 19.—(Special)—District Attorney L. V. Ray has received instructions from the department of justice to proceed at once to secure evidence for the trial of the Japanese poachers caught by the revenue cutter Bear off St. Paul Island.

According to the report received by Mr. Ray from the officers of the Bear, 100 men were in the crews of the captured vessels. Seventy-five of the prisoners have been taken to Unga, where they were held by Commission District to appear before the District court at Valdez for trial. The Bear has returned to the seal islands to bring the rest of the Japanese. The formal charge preferred against the prisoners is sealing within the three-mile limit. One of the poaching vessels, the Kinsel Maru, is believed to be the one which the crew last year raided the village of Alchok, on Alitak bay, while the inhabitants were away at sea. This boat, which was caught by the revenue cutter McCullough, being provided with funnels contrived out of tin sheet-iron and having her boats lying in revenue cutter style. The report states that the disguise was good and that the boat bore a strong resemblance to the McCullough.

THIRTY SHUT UP IN BLAZING MINE

FOREIGNERS DOOMED IN HAILEVILLE DISASTER

Oklahoma Property is Burning Fiercely—No Hope of Rescue.

McAllister, Okla., Aug. 26.—A mine disaster occurred in coal mine No. 1 at Haileville, Okla., near here, this forenoon. Thirty miners are said to have been entombed.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 26.—A telephone message from McAllister this afternoon confirmed the first report of the mine disaster at Haileville, and it is stated there is no hope of rescuing the 25 or 30 miners who are entombed. All the men are foreigners.

The mine, which is one of the largest in the southwest, is burned and the result, it is believed, of a barrel of oil catching fire. It appears that there was no explosion.

NEW CALL BOXES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Installation of New System is Commenced by Purchase of Three.

The police department has received three new metal patrol boxes of a type which will in the course of a year or so replace the wooden boxes now in use. The new boxes are the latest on the market and are vastly superior to those now in use. In addition to containing telephones, as do the present boxes, there is an automatic patrol wagon call, which saves delay when the hurry-up vehicle is required.

The boxes cost about \$130 each while the key-hole the turning of the key in which rings the alarm for the patrol wagon. In the office is a ticker arrangement which indicates the number of the box from the call from the patrol wagon has come. These new boxes will be placed in the most prominent places in the city and keys for calling the patrol wagon will be left with responsible parties in the neighborhood as well as with the policeman on the beat. These keys will all be numbered and it will not be possible for any one but the policeman with the key to the box to release them. In this way the police will be able to know who turned in the call for the wagon.

The boxes cost about \$130 each while the ticker is worth about \$125, giving a total cost of \$455, or just about what the present system of nine boxes cost. However, it indicates the number of the antiquated boxes now in use have been replaced the new ones will last for a long time. It is pointed out that the fire alarm boxes put in this city almost twenty years ago are still in use. The company, the firm that is supplying the new police boxes, are to-day almost as good as ever.

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