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Veterans of Civil War Gather at Gettysburg

Semi-Sentennial of the Bloodiest Battle Between the North and South to be Celebrated Next Week---Forty Thousand Old Soldiers Who Wore the Blue and Grey Will go Under Canvas---Five Days Celebration Planned---Prominent Men to Deliver Addresses---Largest Military Camp Since Civil War

Gettysburg, Pa., June 28—The advance guard of a great army of peace reached Gettysburg today. It is estimated that there are already 20,000 visitors in this vicinity and yet the formal exercises of the Gettysburg semi-centennial celebration do not begin until Monday. Tomorrow morning will see the arrival of the main army of Blue and Grey veterans. Today a vast body of army engineers, skilled cooks, physicians and hospital attendants is engaged in putting the finishing touches to the great tented city where the 40,000 old soldiers will be fed and sheltered during the six days of the celebration. The camp, which will be thrown open at bugle call tomorrow morning, will be the largest military camp that the country has seen since the civil war. The camp comprises 280 acres, starting about 200 yards from the High Water Mark monument on the battlefield and lying to the southwest of the town and partly on the scene of the first day's fight.

The town of Gettysburg is beautifully and profusely decorated. Shippenburg, Carlisle, Chambersburg and numerous other cities and towns within a fifty-mile radius, all of which will help to entertain the overflow of visitors, have put on holiday attire. The Stars and Stripes and Bars are prominent everywhere with

portraits of Lee and Meade, Longstreet and Pleasanton and other famous commanders of the opposing armies, side by side.

The arrangements to guard the health of the veterans are of the most perfect and elaborate character. At a cost of \$25,000 the State of Pennsylvania has established an emergency hospital under canvas just east of the National Cemetery grounds. A United States field hospital is conveniently located in the town. In addition three good sized infirmaries have been set up. There will be many ambulance and surgeons stationed about the field ready to give first aid treatment and rush them to the nearest hospital.

The largest tent in the world has been raised in which to hold the exercises of the reunion. Fifteen thousand veterans may sit under the big canvas and listen to the orations of Chief Justice White, Secretary of War Garrison, Governor Tener and other notable men who will address the gathering.

Today was a day of preparations and arrivals. It was "go as you please" with the early visitors and they took in the sights with a vigor that was remarkable, considering the age of the veterans and the fact that many of them has just completed long and tiresome journeys.

The battlefield caught the most of them. The monuments were inspected and every hill and ridge was

climbed to get a clear view of the field where thousands of the youth of the north and south gave up their lives in the fierce fight that was waged during the first three days of July in 1863.

The Blue and Grey veterans are not the only soldiers who will be here during the week. Practically every branch of the regular military service will be represented. Two battalions of the 5th Infantry have been here on guard duty for several weeks. The Signal Corps has been much in evidence establishing a complete telephone system through the camp. Today a battalion of engineers arrived. A battery of the 3rd Field Artillery is here, also several troops of the 15th Cavalry. All of these troops are expected to figure prominently in the exercises of the anniversary and will remain at Gettysburg for six weeks, afterward to participate in the manoeuvres at the camp of college and university students to be conducted by the War Department officers. The college boys will live in a portion of the veteran's camp, which will be allowed to remain standing for them. During the reunion the camp will be divided into two great sections. The Confederate veterans have been allotted that part of the camp lying between West Confederate avenue and the Round Top branch of the Reading Railway. The Union veterans will be quartered on the other side of the railroad.

KESWICK VALLEY YOUNG MAN KILLED BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING

Death in Its Most Sudden Form Overtook William Parks at His Home at Keswick Valley During Last Night's Storm---Bolt was Carried by Telephone Wires

While reclining on a couch in the kitchen of his home, conversing with his father, William Parks, youngest son of Mr. Erastus Parks, a respected farmer of Keswick Valley, was struck by lightning during the progress of last evening's storm and instantly killed. The bolt entered the room by means of the telephone wires and passed out through an open window. The horrified parent, who was sitting at a table a few feet away, ran to the assistance of his son, but the latter passed away without uttering a word. He first endeavored to summon assistance by means of the telephone but the lightning had rendered it useless. Bare headed he then ran out of the house, calling frantically for help. Kind-hearted neighbors responded promptly to the summons but there was little they could do apart from offering words of sympathy.

Coroner O. E. Morehouse was called in shortly afterwards and after enquiring into the circumstances decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The sad fatality has cast a deep gloom over the community and was the sole topic for conversation among Keswick people in the market this morning.

STORM WAS VIOLENT.

The storm, which was a very violent one, set in about 7.30 o'clock. Mr. Parks and his son, who had been working about the farm, were compelled to take shelter in the kitchen. The father seated himself at the table and the son lay down upon the sofa. The fatal bolt of lightning entered by means of the telephone wires and passed out through the open window. There was a blinding flash which lasted only an instant. The father was considerably dazed by the shock but he recovered instantly and spoke to his son but re-

ceived no reply. The limp form of the youth lying on the couch told the terrible story more eloquently than words could have done it.

A small dog which was lying upon the couch, was knocked over by the shock and some hours elapsed before it began to show signs of returning animation.

The victim of the sad fatality was eighteen years of age and has survived by his parents, one sister and one brother. The latter was at Camp Sussex with the 71st Regiment, but came home this morning in response to a telegram.

Mrs. Parks is in delicate health, having recently undergone a serious operation. She is prostrated over the tragic event and it is feared has been given a setback from which she may not recover.

Mr. Parks resides on the Alex. Brewer farm which he recently purchased. He is much broken up over the tragic death of his son.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"

Next week at the Opera House the attraction is an adequately staged presentation of the most popular of all dramas, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Leon Washburn's Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Company. The engagement is for one night only, and the special prices will be, 25, 35, and 50 cents.

EDWIN D. STREET DEAD

The death took place yesterday at Upper Burton of Edwin D. Street, after a lingering illness from general debility. The deceased was in his 83rd year, was unmarried and is survived by one brother Chas. F. Street of Burton. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Whalley. Interment will be made at the Court House Burying Ground.

YORK MILITIAMEN HAD A SUNSTROKE

Is Now in Camp Hospital at Sussex---The Water Wagon Much in Evidence

Private Arthur Barton of this city, a member of "D" Company, 71st Regiment, suffered a sunstroke at Camp Sussex on Thursday. The company was drilling at the time when a cry went up from the ranks and the sergeant, who discovered young Barton's plight, had the Army Medical Corps ambulance summoned and the young man conveyed to the military hospital.

Barton was unconscious for considerably over an hour but is reported today as coming around all right.

Private Jack Bonner, also of "D" Company, is in the military hospital at Camp Sussex suffering from minor ailments.

DRY CAMP.

The camp is reported as being dry this year and the water wagon much in evidence. The grub however, is above the average but the cold nights are giving considerable discomfort to those not used to roughing it. This feature is accentuated by the day's heat, which is said to be excessive.

NO REGULARS.

There are no regulars from Halifax at Camp Sussex this year, the number of desertions having depleted the forces to such an extent that none could be sent.

AMUSEMENTS.

A moving picture show is on the grounds situated in the hollow. This gives the appearance of an ancient amphitheatre as the boys can sit on the hills surrounding the hollow and take in the views below.

A baseball game was staged Thursday, a nine from "D" Company playing a team from St. Stephen. The latter won out 5 to 3. Jack Allens pitched for the Fredericton team while "Dusky" Densmore of the U.N.B. freshmen, twirled for the winners.

Large crowds from St. John, Hampton and other surrounding points visit the grounds daily. An unusual number of the volunteers have been called home on account of deaths in the family.

NEW COMPLICATIONS IN THE BALKANS

London, June 28—Reports from the Balkans today indicate that new complications had arisen in the situation. A despatch from Bucharest today said the government has ceased granting furloughs to Roumanian soldiers. The war office it was reported was making all preparations for a complete mobilization of the army. It is reported that Roumania is able to abandon her intention of taking sides against Bulgaria because of the refusal of the Bulgarian Government to give up certain territory.

STOCKS SHOW SOME STRENGTH

Union Pacific Dissolution plan Approved at Washington

Favorable Statement For May, Gives Reading a Boost---Canadian Pacific is Steady

New York, June 28—Today's stock market began tamely enough and during the first hour prices moved well within fractional limits with the dealings confined wholly to the room element. A little later however, Washington despatches stated that the Union Pacific dissolution plan had been approved and the definite removal of this factor of uncertainty inspired a buying movement in Union Pacific to which the general list followed. Reading became one of the leaders after the publication of a favorable statement for the month of May. Mr. Harriman's dissolution plan is understood to involve the exchange of a block of Southern Pacific stock with the Pennsylvania for an equal of B. & O. Common and Preferred, the remainder of Union Pacific's holding of Southern Pacific to be lodged with trustees who will offer beneficial certificates permitting the buyer to exchange the same for actual stock upon his furnishing evidence that he is not a holder of Union Pacific. In this way Southern Pacific will evolve independently.

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PERSONAL

Capt. J. A. Read of the bark Edna M. Smith, now loading at Bear River N.S., arrived Thursday night to spend a week at his home here.

Mrs. Thos. Mooney and daughter of Montreal will spend the summer with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Niles of Gibson.

Mrs. L. W. Bailey and children are leaving today for Quebec to spend the summer.

Miss Bessie Everett is to leave next week en route to the Old Country on a two months trip.

Mr. W. J. Redpath of the Bank of Nova Scotia has returned from a trip to the Old Country.

Miss Katharine Gilmour arrived home last night to spend her summer vacation.

NEW ARRIVALS

A daughter recently arrived at the home of Mr. John R. C. McCredie, late of this city, but now employed by the C. P. R. in Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Miles of Ottawa are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter.

ON FISHING TRIP.

Messrs. Murray Brewer, Avondale Boone and John Cowie are among the Dominion Day anglers. They leave this evening by I.C.R. to whiff the Clearwater stream near Boiestown.

IN JUNIOR LEAGUE.

In the Junior baseball series the St. Mary's Stars defeated the Young Stars at Scully's Grove last night by a score of 6 to 3. The game went five innings though twice interrupted by rain. Batteries were: St. Mary's Stars, Stickles and Dunbar, Young Stars, Wheeler and Lounsbury.

12 industrials declined .23.

20 active railways declined .48.

COAL RATES ARE BOOSTED ON THE INTERCOASTAL

Patrons of the People's Road Squeezed to Provide the Salary of the Twenty Thousand Dollar Manager Appointed by the Borden Government---Coal From Sydney Which is Largely Used in This City Must pay \$12 Additional in Freight Charges

(St. John Telegraph)

Add from forty to sixty cents for every ton to your soft coal bill this winter.

Comparisons of the new schedule of freight rates on the I. C. R., effective on Wednesday last, with the old schedule show increases as high as two cents on 100 pounds of forty cents a ton on coal carried from the Nova Scotia producing points to the city. Increases to other provincial points, notably Sussex and Moncton, where there is much manufacturing going on and the consumption is heavy, are not so large but the same proportion is maintained.

This last change will bear more heavily on the general public in St. John than the two schedules already advanced. First came the increase in the general rates amounting to about twenty per cent. on the whole but with the sweeping provision that the minimum charge between all provincial points and St. John should be thirty-five cents instead of twenty-five. This has now been in operation for one month and farmers are finding that it affects their profits very seriously applying to produce and goods shipped both ways.

Then came the boost in lumber rates amounting in some cases to sixty per cent. and threatening to put smaller mills along the I. C. R. out of business altogether. The higher rates on coal will of course be felt directly in the cities and towns and there will be a very general protest, the question of motive in view of the large surplus on the I. C. R. again being raised. It makes little difference to the dealer, as the consumer pays.

INCREASE IN LARGE PROPORTION

The increase in rates from mining points in Nova Scotia which supply St. John with soft coal ranges from

22 per cent. to 33 per cent. The former rate from Sydney to St. John for a carload of thirty tons was \$54 as compared with the new rate of \$66, an increase of \$12, or 22 per cent. From Springhill Junction and Maccan the rate has been increased from \$27 to \$36 or 33.3 per cent. From New Glasgow, Stellarton and Westville the old rate of \$34.50 has been increased by 26 per cent. as also has the rate from Point Tupper.

Briefly, the rates per carload in the new schedule show the following increases over the old: From Sydney and Point Tupper, \$12; from New Glasgow, Stellarton and Westville, \$10.50; from Springhill Junction and Maccan, \$9.

Owing to the fact that the C. P.R. now controls the Central Railway line from Chipman, N. B., to St. John and that coal is now only handled over the I. C. R. between these two points via Moncton, no comparison can be given in the new schedule for Chipman coal shipped to this city.

OTHER POINTS AFFECTED

The rates to St. John, as quoted above, are the same as those from the different mining centres to all stations as far up the line as Nauwigewauk. The old schedule the group of stations with the same rates as St. John included all those between St. John and Bloomfield. Included in the same group is Sussex.

The rates from stops between Gurney's and Military—the group which includes Sussex—show increases which vary between 14 and 22 per cent.

Moncton and the group of fifteen stations in which it is included suffers also from increased rates which are from 4 to 20 per cent. higher than in the old schedule. Similar increases are found throughout the new schedule to other points.

INDIANS CAUSED ROW AT VILLAGE

Several of Them Were Primed With Fire-Water and Tried to Beat up a Pale Face

Subsequent injury into the troubles at French Village last Wednesday night discloses the fact that the Indians concerned weren't the innocent parties they professed to be. The racket which culminated in a hurry up call to this city for reinforcements had its origin when a young Englishman was insulted by a drunken brave. The young man repudiated the epithet hurled at him when he was assailed and was no doubt in for a good drubbing when a man named Kelly, resident of the village, intervened. A general tussle ensued in which the Indians were routed and repaired to their own quarters at the Reserve. Here a council of war was held and a challenge sent up to Kelly, telling him if he came down there they would kill him.

Nothing daunted Kelly went, and no doubt the Indians would have made good their threat, had not a couple of Swedes, engaged in the Railway construction, followed and taken him from the hall.

On learning particulars, the other white's of the village assumed a threatening attitude and a hurry message was sent down to Indian Commissioner Smith by the Indians, who had then become alarmed as to the outcome of hostilities. Policeman Sol. Brooks of the St. Mary's Reserve was dispatched to the war centre but on his arrival matters had assumed normal proportions.

MARYSVILLE

Funeral of the Late Bert McDonald---Rev. J. W. Williams to Preach His Farewell Tomorrow

Marysville, June 28—The funeral of the late "Bert" McDonald took place this afternoon from his late residence Brick Hill and was very largely attended. At two o'clock services were held at the house, after which the remains were taken to the Reformed Baptist Church where a very impressive service was conducted by the pastor Rev. Mr. Smith assisted by Rev. J. W. Williams and Rev. Mr. Hicks. The pall bearers were old friends and co-workers of the deceased in the cotton mill. The flowers sent by friends were very beautiful, showing in what high esteem and love Mr. McDonald was held in life. Interment was at the Methodist Cemetery.

Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor of the United Baptist Churches is to preach his farewell tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Main Street Church and at 7 o'clock in the evening he will say good bye to the congregation of the Olivet Church.

Rev. Mr. Williams has labored in Marysville for the past two years, in which time he has made many friends. He is an active member of Pythias Lodge No. 13, Knights of Pythias of Nashwaak Lodge No. 72 I. O. O. F., and is also connected with the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends. He is a good fellow and a valuable citizen.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Mrs. James M. Scott is entertaining a number of children at her home on George Street this afternoon in honor of her daughter's fourth birthday.