

BLUNDER THAT WORRIED FRIENDS OF COMPANY M

Boys Haven't Been Ordered Back to Texas but the Third New York Field Artillery Has Been Sent There.

Newspaper offices and numerous relatives and friends of members of Company M were thrown into a flutter of excitement shortly before noon today when word came from Washington over the wires of the Associated Press that a number of regiments from various states, in-

THEY'LL COME HOME FIT AND READY TO EAT MANY GOOD MEALS

Camp Whitman, Sept. 25.—(Delayed)—In the expectation of entraining for home on Friday afternoon and of arriving in Auburn on Saturday morning, the boys of Company M, who have been absent from their home town since June 27, are feeling gay and joyful and are making preparations for the good times they are to have when they hit Auburn once again. Although no official announcement has been made regarding the hour when Company M will break camp for home, it is thought by the officers that it will be well toward evening on Friday, which means that if all goes well Saturday noon will see them with their friends again.

It is not expected that the boys will have to remain in the armory for more than an hour or two, as the work of checking up the property of the company has been carried on during the past week and is now practically completed. All that will be necessary when the armory is reached will be for the men to hand in their rifles, and unroll their packs so that the stuff they carry can be accounted for, after which they will be at liberty.

All Men Finger Printed.

The Bertillon measurements of each man have not been taken as yet, although on Friday, each one was "finger-printed" so that Uncle Sam would have no trouble in getting them in case he needed them in the future and they were inclined to disobey the call. At some time in the near future a photo of each man will be taken to be filed with the prints and measurements.

The other morning the men were all called upon to sign papers stating whether they had suffered any injury or impairment of health while in the service. Several of them had small claims, one stating that he had broken a tooth on a piece of hard-tack. The next morning a type-written notice was found posted on the bulletin board which read that all persons having claims should make preparations to leave for Fort Hamilton at once, to be held there indefinitely for the purpose of having medical attention given them. The thought of not going home with their comrades was enough to start a howl of dismay and there were dire threats made as to what would be done when the chance came, but quiet was restored when it was found that the "order" was the work of a practical joker, and was not authentic at all.

A Day Off on Sunday.

Yesterday (Sunday) for the first time, passes were issued and a number of the men spent a few hours outside the lines. Among those who visited the metropolis were Corporal C. D. Osborne, Sergeant J. P. Dolan and Privates Irving Marshall and Charles Franke. Corporal Sidney Hogg was given a longer leave to allow him to see his wife who is sick at her home in Auburn, while Corporal Claire Hardy also secured permission to be absent until next Friday.

A Hike of 15 Miles.

The work of checking up the property in camp has held up drills to a large extent but this morning a 15 mile hike was taken. Lieutenant E. M. Roberts was in charge of the company and led the men to the top of the highest mountain in the vicinity. When ready for the return trip he led them down the opposite side of the range, evidently believing that one could go up one side and down the other and then be on the same side that he started from. The plan, however, did not work out and it was a hungry bunch of men that finally rolled into camp after having crossed the mountain again.

Top Sergeant Koon, who took a large number of views at Pharr, had a quantity of post cards finished and sent to him, these being sold to the men at cost price. The sergeant found no trouble in disposing of them, especially as he allowed the men until pay day to settle and nearly every man now has a number of reminders of his border service. Just what will be the main business of the men when they get home is hard to say, but if there is anything which will go ahead of getting, it has not been found out here in spite of the boxes which have been sent in by friends, the boys are all possessors of well developed appetites and promise to give the home folks and proprietors of eating places all they want to do for a few days when they get back.

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cluding New York, had been ordered to the Mexican border.

This announcement was quickly followed by an announcement that the "Third is the New York Regiment affected." Now the morning dispatches had contained the information that the American Mexico Commissioners were dead-locked and there was a possibility that things had reached such a stage that Uncle Sam feared for the worst.

Citizen's Query Was First.

But on the face of it it didn't seem probable. So the Citizen at once fired a query to Washington as to whether the report was correct and whether something had transpired to defer the home coming of the boys, now looked upon by them and their friends as certain for Saturday next. The Citizen's query was hardly on the wire before Elmira cut in positively with the statement that the Erie Railroad had orders to entrain the Third New York Infantry at Camp Whitman for its several home stations on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and asking if these orders had been countermanded.

Rochester added that it looked as though someone had "pulled a bone" in the matter and that advice there were that the Third Infantry, just back from the border, was surely coming home and not going back to Texas. Other cities added their expression of doubt and shortly the Washington Bureau of the Associated Press supplied a correction to the effect that it was the Third New York Regiment of Field Artillery, which was formerly the Sixty-fifth Regiment of Infantry of Buffalo, that had been ordered to the border instead of the Third Infantry. The Third Artillery has seen no border service at all.

Was Some "Cussing."

Somehow the news of the receipt of the original dispatch spread with great rapidity and the newspaper offices were besieged with queries as to the authenticity of the reports that the Auburn Guardsmen had been ordered back to Texas.

Some fond relatives didn't take the trouble to verify anything. They took it for granted that the order was correct and found what satisfaction they could find in giving the War Department officials just the kind of a panning that must have made their ears burn. But they later learned that an error had been made and that according to original plans Company M will get back here some time Saturday, probably early on Saturday morning.

"We will be home Saturday morning in time for breakfast," is the announcement made by Major John B. Tuck of Syracuse in a letter to Mrs. Tuck from Camp Whitman.

CASE WITH WILSON

Observer of Interesting Manoeuvres on the Border.

In a letter to his son, James W. Wilson, Brigadier General William F. Wilson of Geneva tells of witnessing the military manoeuvres on the border in company with his staff officer, Wheeler C. Case of this city. The letter follows:

"We have been extremely busy the last few weeks. A few days ago Colonel Andrews received orders to proceed North to the mobilization camp and shortly after that I received notice that the Second Tennessee would come in and be a part of my brigade, and that the Second New York would use the railroad transportation which brought the Second Tennessee here. Later, it was found that a mistake had been made and that the regiment to come was the Third Tennessee. They were not expected until late yesterday afternoon, that is, the first train section, but this section arrived just before noon and the other three train sections between 6 and 8 p. m. Colonel Andrews moved out one battalion so as to accommodate one of them and we put the rest around in bivouac in their shelter tents. Just before 6 last night I received a telegram from the officer in command of the third train section of the Third Tennessee that they had two cases of measles, so we had to get busy and help them all aboard the train, and while we were doing this, the sanitary inspector informed me that they had found another case in either the first or second train section which had gone into camp. We sent the three cases up to the hospital at McAllen, and isolated the two companies which had been exposed on the third section by putting them in bivouac off by themselves.

"Tuesday I took the brigade out for a manoeuvre. It was simply advance guard work on the way out and back and the development of the brigade under fire. I intend tomorrow morning to either repeat the same exercises on the same ground or to have something very similar on the same territory nearer if it can be found.

"Yesterday Mr. Case and I got up at 4 a. m. and went to McAllen as observers of the manoeuvre of all troops there. They worked on very much the same general problem as ours. The Seventh Infantry and all the artillery went down from McAllen on the West McAllen Road toward Hidalgo and the Twelfth and Sixty-ninth Infantry went down on the road about a mile East of McAllen. Both columns

FIGHT TO SAVE STEILOW IS ON AT ROCHESTER

And Counsel for Condemned Man Are Confident That It Will Be Successful—Osborne on "Third Degree."

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 27.—The legal battle to obtain a new trial for Charles Frederick Stielow, under sentence of death for the murder of Charles B. Phelps and his housekeeper, Mrs. Margaret Wolcott, in West Shelby, March 21, 1915, was resumed this morning before Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck in Special Term.

A plea of new evidence in the form of affidavits was before the court and argument on the admissibility of it was expected to occupy several hours. Stielow was represented by Huntington W. Merchant, James W. Osborne and Stuart M. Kohn of New York City and former Supreme Court Justice Arthur E. Sutherland of Rochester. Mrs. Grace Humiston, a woman lawyer of New York, David A. White of Albion and Max Appelbaum, the latter the head of the Humanitarian Club, were also present in the interest of Stielow. District Attorney John C. Knickerbocker of Orleans County was on hand to oppose the motion for a new trial and the introduction of the new evidence.

Much of the evidence filed by the Stielow forces seeks to place the killing of Phelps and his housekeeper on the shoulders of Erwin King, an itinerant horse peddler, and Clarence O'Connell, his alleged accomplice. King repudiated a confession attributed to him in which he said he and O'Connell killed the West Shelby couple. Part of the new evidence is the affidavits of Charles and Laura Laskey to the effect that O'Connell, who lived with them, was absent with a buggy on the night of the murder. The Laskeys have identified a piece of cloth and handkerchief buried after the murder, as belonging to O'Connell and declare he shot his horse with a 22 calibre bullet, the same size used by the murderers.

At the trial of Stielow an expert for the state testified that there were scratches on the bullets taken from the bodies of the victims made by defects in the barrel of a revolver owned by Stielow. The defense now has the affidavits of other experts that the bullets contain none of the alleged scratches.

Knickerbocker's Opening Gun.

Mr. Knickerbocker opened his opposition to the new trial application

by asserting that Charles and Clara Laskey have made conflicting affidavits and requesting that they be produced as material witnesses that the court might determine their responsibility. The court directed that affidavits be produced from the Laskeys by Saturday.

Mr. Knickerbocker informed the court that Erwin King would be produced at any time the court requested.

Sutherland for Stielow.

Justice Sutherland launched the opening argument for Stielow, reading an affidavit of A. R. Lane, Remington Arms expert. In an apparent effort to disprove the testimony of the gun expert in Stielow's trial, Lane's affidavit stated that he could not find bullet markings described by the trial expert.

After two hours of eloquent pleading for a new trial counsel for the condemned man expressed confidence that the new affidavits presented to Justice Rodenbeck will win the day.

May Produce King.

In all likelihood the makers of the various affidavits submitted by both sides, including Erwin King, the horse peddler who confessed that he killed the couple, later recanting, will be brought to court and cross examined. A plea to have Stielow himself brought from the death house and put on the witness stand was made today by his counsel Arthur E. Sutherland and James W. Osborns.

To Make Stielow Confess.

Just before the noon adjournment James W. Osborns told the methods Stielow told him were used by Private Detective Newton to get a "confession" from him. Mr. Osborns said: "I have been a district attorney for many years and know the third degree method. The three day ordeal that Stielow underwent rivaled the methods of persecution in Russia and in Mexico. They even put a dictograph in his cell to steal the little confidential talks he had with his counsel."

Mrs. Stielow, wife of the condemned man, spectately was among today's spectators.

STEWART HEADS THE DELEGATION TO STATE SYNOD

Delegates to the Synod were elected at the afternoon session of the Cayuga Presbytery, which concluded its Fall meeting yesterday in the church at Meridian. The delegate, who will go to the Synod at Newburg on October 17 are: Dr. George B. Stewart, president of Auburn Theological Seminary; Rev. Plato T. Jones of Moravia, and Rev. W. Scott of Genoa, Md. Develin of Meridian and Archibald Burgess of this city.

Arrangements were made for the installation of Rev. Charles J. Woods of Osceola as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Weedsport. The ceremony will be held on Friday evening, October 6. Dr. James S. Riggs of the seminary will deliver the address.

Rev. Carson C. Bransby of Marquetteville was received into the Presbytery but owing to his absence no date was set for the installation. This was left for the next Presbytery, which will meet in this city in November.

Members of the Presbytery acted favorably upon the application of Rev. Mr. Evans who has been the supply pastor at the Cayuga Presbyterian Church. Mr. Evans before taking charge of the Cayuga church was a Universalist. He stated to the Presbytery that he had desired to change his denomination, his Biblical views having become more conservative, and after being examined was admitted.

Owing to the fact that he was unable to secure his transfer in time, Rev. G. Giordani, the pastor of the Italian Mission, was not received into the Presbytery. He was formerly a Congregationalist, but has changed his views. As he is fully qualified he was allowed to hold the pastorate until the November Presbytery when he will be accepted.

Rev. C. G. Richards, D. D., the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, was chosen moderator for this year and Rev. E. L. Jones of Meridian the clerk. They will arrange for the Presbytery which will be held the first Tuesday in November in an Auburn church. Reports from all of the committees showed that the general condition of the Presbytery was more than satisfactory. Nearly all of the churches are supplied with pastors.

WAS BORN IN AUBURN

Death of Woman Who Had Been a Telegrapher 44 Years.

Mrs. Addie Gazeta Hardick, a Western Union operator for 44 years and a former resident of this city, died yesterday morning at her home in Fairport, following a brief illness. Death was due to heart trouble.

She was born in this city, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Johnson. Doctor Van Epps, her grandfather, was a prominent physician in this city during the Civil War days. Mrs. Hardick was educated in the schools of this city. For a few years she taught. Later she learned telegraphy. Her success in this work was so marked that she was soon called to the main office of the Western Union in Buffalo. She continued there for four years, then being transferred to Fairport.

In Fairport Mrs. Hardick continued telegraphy in conjunction with her other business for the past 40 years. Mrs. Hardick in addition to being the Western Union operator at Fairport also conducted a book store.

One daughter, Miss Amy G. Hardick of Fairport survives. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at her late home at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. D. J. Torrence of East Bloomfield will officiate. Burial will be made in the family lot in Greenvale Cemetery.

Death of a Former Amherstian.

Michael C. Sullivan and son Dennis left last night for New York to attend the funeral of the former's brother, Dennis Sullivan, a former resident of Auburn, who died yesterday. Mr. Sullivan left here in 1850 and for 50 years resided at Flushing, Long Island, where he became very prominent. He never lost his interest in Auburn and was a frequent visitor here. Besides his brother here he is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters. The funeral services will take place on Friday morning with burial in Calvary Cemetery located between Flushing and Long Island City.

Funeral of Kieran Bergan.

The funeral of Kieran Bergan was held this morning from his late home, No. 100 Cornell Street, at 8:45 with services at St. Mary's Church at 9:30 o'clock and was very largely attended. The funeral procession met at the church door by the priests and after a short prayer proceeded to the altar where solemn high mass was sung by Rev. William Payne, celebrant, William Bergan, son of the deceased, deacon, Rev. Patrick J. Smyth of Lovania, substitute and Rev. Samuel O'Rourke of Rochester, master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were Rev. E. J. Byrne, D. D., Rev. W. E. Cowan, D. D., of St. Bernard's Rochester; Rev. J. E. Guilfoil of Rochester, Rev. D. P. Quigley, Rev. A. A. LaMay, Rev. John B. Crowley, Rev. W. A. Donoghue of Auburn, and Rev. R. J. Wittmanns of Lyons.

The remains were laid to rest in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The bearers were Philip Lyons, John C. O'Brien, James Tracy, Terrance O'Donnell, James Welch and Dennis Kinsella. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. P. J. Smyth assisted by several priests.

A Mother Doubly Bereaved.

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SATURDAY MOVING DAY FOR TARAJORNIES CLUB

"The moving day at Pomeroy Park on Saturday and at the end of the day the Tarajornies Club will be minus a home at the park and be comfortably situated in its Witter quarters, the club rooms at the Woman's Union. For the past four months some of the club have lived in the club house at the park, and have made good use of the place, but the time is up and all who have left tennis racquets or balls at the place are cordially requested to remove them by the end of the week.

The tennis courts at the park will be still used as long as the weather remains clement. Any one may use the courts by applying to the Union for an appointment, and the use of the racquets and balls may be had by applying at the same place. The park also will be open to the public, but the club house will be closed.

WIFE TO FIGHT HER HUSBAND'S SUIT FOR DIVORCE

A summons and complaint with an order by Justice A. P. Rich appointing Frank M. Leary referee and an answer to the complaint, in a divorce action brought by W. Henry Abrams against Pearl Abrams, was filed at the office of the county clerk today.

Mr. and Mrs. Abrams are residents of Auburn, the complaint stating that they were married in this city on the last day of July, 1897. Hunter & Hunter are attorneys for the plaintiff and Leonard H. Searing is attorney for the defendant.

The complaint filed by the husband who desires that the nuptial knot be severed, is a lengthy one. It states that the couple have two children but for some time past the wife has committed illegal acts, the complaint citing numerous instances, naming an Auburn man as co-spondant.

According to the complaint the defendant has stayed away from home nights, has drunk and smoked with men and committed adulterous acts "and otherwise conducted herself in a manner unbecoming a faithful wife and devoted mother."

In her answer to the complaint the wife admits the marriage and the two children, but denies each and every other allegation, setting up that if adulterous acts were committed that they were committed with the consent, connivance, privity, procurement and duress of the plaintiff.

BRIDES OF SEPTEMBER

Merrick-Wicks.

St. Mary's Church in Skaneateles was the scene of a pretty wedding this morning, when Mrs. Margaret Merrick became the bride of Wilson H. Wicks. Rev. Father Conway performed the ceremony at 10 o'clock. Attending the bride was Miss Margaret Lynch of this city. Attorney William McLaughlin of Skaneateles attended the groom.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for Syracuse, where they entertained a few friends at breakfast at the Onondaga. They will return this evening to occupy their newly furnished home at Willow.

Auburn Guests Attended.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Miss Marjorie Brister and Maurice Tuller both of Auburn were guests Saturday evening at 8 o'clock here at the marriage of Miss Dorothy Koester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Koester of Buffalo, to Alfred Hall Heimer, also of Buffalo, the Rev. Samuel Taylor of Buffalo officiating in the Church of the Redeemer of which he is pastor.

The chancel was banked with palms and white asters and the pews for the house guests were topped with great bunches of white asters. The procession which was met at the chancel by Mr. Heimer and his best man, David Jeffrey of Lockport, was led by the ushers, Robert Bassett and Clifford Snyder of Detroit, Mich., Charles Bassett and Arthur Koester and Arnold L. Eaton, all of Buffalo.

They were followed by two of the bridesmaids, Miss Dorothy LaDue and Miss Isabelle Peterson, wearing gowns of white net over silver cloth with trimmings of yellow, and were followed by the maid of honor, Miss Florence Banks, in a gown of yellow tulle over silver cloth. The maids carried arm bouquets of pink orchid dahlias. Next came the bride who entered with her father.

After the ceremony a reception followed at the home of the bride's parents here in Lafayette Avenue and a supper was served in a marquee on the lawn, after November 1 Mr. and Mrs. Heimer will reside here at 721 Linwood Avenue.

BIG ESTATES MUST PAY TAX TO UNCLE SAM

Notice has been received at the office of Surrogate Woodin that an act of Congress of September 8, 1916, requires all executors and administrators of gross estates exceeding \$50,000 or net estates exceeding \$50,000 to notify the collector of Internal Revenue within 30 days of the issuance of letters or within 30 days from date of coming into any property of a decedent dying after September 8, 1916.

Where there is no executor or administrator, any person coming into possession of any property of a decedent, whose total property exceeds a gross value of \$50,000 or a net value of \$50,000 is required to file similar notice within 30 days of possession.

This notice is required in the case of all property regardless of amount owned in America by a non-resident.

Particular notice is called to the fact that the gross estate, for tax purposes, includes property passing by deed, trust, decedent's interests in joint bank accounts, material gifts made within two years prior to death, and other property which may not come into charge of administrators or executors, who, nevertheless are required to make return pay taxes because thereof.

The notice is from Neal Brewster of Syracuse, collector of Internal Revenue for the Twenty-first District of New York, to whom inquiries for full information are to be made. Heavy penalties are required for failure to comply with the requirements of the law, according to the notice. The estate tax is in addition to the inheritance tax in force in this state.

SEWING FOR RED CROSS

Not Very Many Present When Meetings Were Resumed Yesterday.

The first of the Red Cross Sewing meetings was held yesterday afternoon at the Woman's Union, and although not a large number of ladies turned out to assist in the sewing, it is hoped that more will attend the meeting which will be held every Tuesday afternoon during the Fall and Winter. The work for the Winter was started yesterday but owing to the lack of help, nothing was accomplished.

Miss Jennie M. Cox read letters from some American women who are managing a hospital in the chateau region of France in which a earnest appeal was made for help of any kind. This year the ladies will devote their time to the making of the comfort kits and it is hoped by the union that if any women wish to assist and cannot come to the meetings on Tuesday, they might contribute materials to fill up the kits, such as safety pins, scissors, needles, thimbles, thread, postal cards, writing paper, pens, or anything which could be put in. These may be sent to the union at any time.

At Universalist Convention. Mrs. Agnes Canniff, J. Lewis Grant representing the parish. Mrs. H. M. Cary, Mrs. John Underwood, Mrs. Volentine, Mrs. Barber, representing the Foreign Mission Circle, and Miss Gladys Wheeler, delegate from the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society and Rev. H. M. Cary will attend the State Convention of Universalists which will convene in Syracuse on October 3. The convention will extend two days.



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