

TRAVELLING.

ARMY CANTEEN.

W. P. F. FERGUSON'S OPINION OF IT.

He Roasts the United States' War Department and Adj't.-Gen. Corbin—A Pen Picture of the Average Army Canteen.

"I understand that you were the gentleman mainly instrumental in having the canteen banished from the United States army," remarked a Whig reporter to W. P. F. Ferguson, the editor of the New Voice, Chicago, who is in this city working on behalf of the prohibition party. The initials before this gentleman's name, W. P. F., do not stand as they might well do for Water Preferred, for Ferguson.

"Well, they say," he replied, with the accent on the last word, "that it was I who abolished the canteen."

"What have you to say about the army canteen?" enquired the reporter.

"I can answer that best by quoting from a book I published dealing with this question. I believe my opinion is summed up in the following para-

graph:

Pen Picture Of A Canteen.

"I will describe what I actually found at the canteen of the Second Cavalry: The building is a low shed just high enough to allow a tall man to stand upright. Behind it were piled some forty empty beer kegs, and fully as many more were being drawn away on an army wagon as I came up. In front of the shed there was a crowd of about 100 soldiers, white and black, with nearly half as many camp laborers and a few visitors. Three-card monte and crap games were running at a number of points in the crowd, and from the excited groups around the game came sounds of quarrels; and to the listener it seemed as if every man was calling every other man a har, prefixing thereto a string of obscene and profane adjectives. Cerebral money did seem to be put aside. While I stood looking on, a considerable amount of money paid by Uncle Sam to his soldiers changed hands, and one trooper of the 9th Cavalry lost the last dollar he had. I pushed through the crowd into the canteen; there was a double bar running the width of the shed, and behind it were three bartenders. The sale of beer had been stopped a little while before I arrived on account of an incipient riot, and the soldiers and camp laborers were lined up to the bar on each side three deep, waiting for the beer to flow again. The bar was wet and slimy with beer-slipping, the ground comprising the floor of the shed was tramped and muddy, and the air even in the open shed was foul with stench from the expectorations of hundreds of men and the slush thrown from the bottoms of their schooners. The only seats that are provided are a rough bench or two, where some eight or ten men were sitting. Just beside the shed, near enough that all the drainage of the canteen—if the filter ever drains away—must inevitably go into it, is a pool of stagnant green water on the other side of which a few feet from the bank was a camp sink whence the filter must circulate through the sandy soil and mingle in the pool of filth of the canteen. The hot afternoon sun was pell-mell upon all of this rotteness, and the result can be nothing else than opportunity for disease."

Favors The Canteen.

The following press-despatch, sent from Washington, was shown Mr. Ferguson:

"Gen. J. P. Sanger, who was inspector-general on the staff of Gen. Chaffee in the Philippines, is convinced that the restoration of the army canteen is necessary to proper discipline and good health of the troops. In his annual report to the war department he says that it is idle to speculate on the subject or to say what ought to be the United States soldier requires a healthful outlet for his superabundant energy."

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MONEY AHEAD.

QUEEN'S RUGBY RECEIPTS WERE LARGE.

Varsity Still Has Hopes For the Burnside Rules—Protest of the Wellesleys—Queen's II. and Limestones Practice Again.

Work of rebuilding Queen's upper campus has been begun.

Queen's inter-year rugby matches will be begun next week.

The Toronto Argonauts will send a team to Detroit to play "pushball" with the D.A.C. team next week.

"And what is your opinion about that?" the reporter asked.

"Whether Sanger said such a thing or not would be a problem," Mr. Ferguson replied. "It is of a piece with other reports of a like nature sent out from the war department. If he did say it, it is merely an illustration of the sorrowful fact that our officers have concluded that, whether the soldiers drank or not, when they enlisted, they have got to be drunkards anyway. I know it to be a fact that the average age of the enlisted men is twenty-one years. United States boys are not apt to be hard drinkers at that age. I know dozens—yes, hundreds—of them who never drank before they went into the army. I was with the army in 1898, and I know what the soldiers thought. The stews was handy, and they were constantly compelled to avoid it. I remember seeing at Fort Sheridan one day a young soldier who was standing apart from the big crowd. I asked him the reason, and he told me that he did not dare go near the canteen; he had become intoxicated a short time before, and came near being put in the guard room. Yes, I have seen the canteen, and I know mighty well what it means."

Adjt.-Gen. Corbin, now the head of the war department, is a queer man. He is the leader of this movement to re-establish the army canteen. In 1892 he declared that the canteen ought to be abolished, saying that it was a splendid thing for the enemy's army. In 1893 he did not want to talk on the subject. Three months afterwards the secretary of war decided to nullify the law to the effect that no man should be required or allowed to sell liquor on a military reservation. Then they hired a man to do it; he was neither required or allowed. Corbin flopped then.

"It has been the policy of the war department to suppress everything said against the canteen. I know of a fact that Gen. Ludlow, of the department of Alabama, one of the cleverest of our young officers, sent a protest against the canteen to the war department. His report was pigeonholed, and nobody ever saw it. At the same time reports in favor of the canteen were given to the newspapers. A year after that Gen. Miles, in his annual report, expressed his views strongly against the canteen. Corbin pigeonholed that, too. Inevitably go into it, is a pool of stagnant green water on the other side of which a few feet from the bank was a camp sink whence the filter must circulate through the sandy soil and mingle in the pool of filth of the canteen. The hot afternoon sun was pell-mell upon all of this rotteness, and the result can be nothing else than opportunity for disease."

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VEDEX QUESTIONS.

Miss Rochall Challice Discusses Bachelor Brothers.

SPECIFIC ARTICLE, NO. 1.

A striking instance of the limitation of language, is the want of a word expressing equal value to both sexes in referring to them in English; so, with the characteristic want of gallantry of a nation, the grammar of whose head school contains the statement that the masculine gender is more worthy than the feminine, we speak of "brethren," leaving the weaker sex to be understood. The Teutons, with a greater appreciation of women, use the word Geschwister (from Schwester, sister) when speaking of brothers and sisters, as there is no risk of the brothers allowing themselves to be forgotten. Well, it matters not whether the English or German word be used, one cannot take up the cudgel for sisterhood without also doing a good turn for bachelor brotherhood. For, as the two form a co-operative society bound by the tie of blood, the setting aside of the real rights of women must give rise to patent wrongs of men, and the lack of marriage prospects for sisters also has bad effects on brothers. If it were more usual for men to be given a welcome in the home circles of their brothers as well as sisters, have better opportunities for finding fitting helpmates for life? How often do we see men of fair prospects, and in good positions, married to artless maids, maid-servants, lodging-house keepers, daughters, etc., because it is with them they come most in contact. They will not weaken the team a whit.

The officials of the Wellesley-Limestone match on Saturday will be: Referee, Russell Britton, Gananoque; umpire, Cadet Hoyles, R.M.C.

Queen's athletic committee find their newly-acquired grounds a good paying investment. Next year, the receipts will be much larger.

Limestones are in need of a little financial support. Should they win from Wellesley and enter the finals, rugby enthusiasts will, no doubt, see them through.

Boucher of the Ottawa Rough Riders holds the Canadian record for rugby championships. He has been a member of the team winning the football hours on six occasions.

Taylor and Flood, who have been picked from British Columbia as representatives on the all-Canadian rugby team to visit England, cannot go. They will not weaken the team a whit.

The final for the Canadian intermediate rugby championship will be played in Montreal on November 20th, when Quebec will meet the winner of London-Peterboro contest next Saturday.

Michigan University rugby eleven in nine games has scored 558 points against six for their opponents. Yale has scored 231 and had twenty-two scored against them, and Harvard 152, as against eighteen.

In Vancouver and Winnipeg is it any wonder that fast men can be turned out in the fast west? If we in the east had such advantages as the West has, we could always remain in Ontario and Quebec.

Queen's athletic committee has appointed G. B. McLennan and M. E. Branscombe, of the senior rugby team, to go to Toronto and witness the Varsity-Argonaut match under the Burnside rules, on Saturday. "Varsity

pay half their expenses.

There are a large number of Nova Scotia students at Queen's, and they like their brethren of the Maritime Provinces, play the English rugby game. They have arranged an exhibition match with a Royal Military College team next week.

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