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ARMY FLIER COMING BY AIR ROUTE TOMORROW

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afternoon. Lieut. Foullos holds the record for endurance flights with a passenger which he made at Belmont park two years ago. Lieut. T. DeWitt Milling arrived at the camp with Lieut. Foullos.

Camp Takes Martial Air.

STRATFORD, Aug. 9.—With the "war" but little over 24 hours away, Camp Lee, as the headquarters camp here has been christened, took on a martial air and preparations for the Connecticut manoeuvre campaign being directed from this point were rushed with all possible speed. The lowering skies and southeast wind gave promise of rain to open the campaign for the capture and defense of New York city and to tell the truth rain in some considerable amount would not be entirely welcome here. The camp is dyed a light brown with the dust of the overworked cart paths which have been converted into temporary highways for the passage of troops and supplies and a little water before the real trouble begins would add much to the comfort of the camp.

Chief interest at the camp, especially among the visitors, today, was centered in the aviation brigade. The members arrived last night and the promise of something doing in the flying line today sharpened the curiosity of all who are watching the busy preparations here.

Aside from the fact that this is the first time in any war maneuvers in this country that aeroplanes have been tried out, interest was centered in the fact that the machine used by a national guard would be in service here. Aviator Harris of the national guard will join the army aviators in their quest for information during the campaign.

Many took advantage of the fact that this was the last day that visitors not on business would be allowed to visit the headquarters camp here.

Governor Dix Expected. Governor Dix of New York is ex-

pected to be the first of the state executives to visit the camp. Headquarters in charge of his staff have been opened here and the governor is expected to motor over from his home in Thompson Sunday and to spend the day and possibly Monday at camp or on the field. A rumor that President Taft might possibly visit the theater of "war" during the week of maneuvers caused much discussion in and out of military circles here today. Arrangements have already been made to receive Secretary Stimson and General Leonard Wood, who will be on hand to witness the climax of the campaign.

Preparations were completed today in all of the armories of the Connecticut state militia which will take part in the maneuvers. All the troops will be off to "war" early tomorrow morning, and are expected to reach their destination in time to be ready for their orders at six o'clock tomorrow evening, when the campaign officially opens.

Army Cooks Busy.

At Derby and Danbury today the army cooks who are turning out bread by the thousand loaves were plying their avocation with vigor. The largest depot of supplies is located at Derby, and tons of eatables are arriving there today also at Danbury, whence they will be distributed by automobile trucks as they are needed during the week.

Practically all the regulars are in the field awaiting their final instructions. The New York state cavalrymen will be settled at Norwalk today, and only the arrival of the militia regiments of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont was need to complete the force of some 25,000 troops in the field.

The New Haven road officials, especially assigned to the work were completing their arrangements for handling the troops by train and boat today.

Signal Corps at Stamford.

STAMFORD, Aug. 5.—The First company, New York Signal corps wagon train, in charge of 20 men in command of Captain W. G. Hallihan, arrived here at noon today. They are equipped with wireless and aeroplane signal apparatus and other instruments for field service. They expect to make Bridgeport

tonight.

A squadron of New York state cavalry on the march to Bridgeport left Rye this morning and passing through Greenwich are expected here this afternoon.

Cavalry at South Norwalk.

SOUTH NORWALK, Aug. 9.—Three hundred and thirty men of the Second New York cavalry, with 355 horses and 38 mules, arrived here this morning on the steamer Brockton from New York. A big crowd greeted them, as it had been persistently rumored here for two days that several thousand New York troops were to arrive here.

The troopers are in command of Colonel C. D. Deb Volse and proceeded to the Bellon farm in New Canaan, where they will make camp this afternoon, proceeding thence to Hawleyville or Bridgeport tomorrow.

STRATFORD SAW WAR AEROPLANES UNLOADED

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operation of the wireless station. Last evening several Bridgeport residents who wished to see the workings of the machine were not permitted on the grounds. This is believed to be a mistake, and is rather surprising, as heretofore at similar times the government has always been willing that people should inspect the wireless operation.

Signalers Are Banned.

Today signers refused admission to the camp, except to persons who had some reason for being there besides curiosity. Newspaper men and photographers were about the only ones allowed inside the lines unless on pass. The stone wall boundary was lined with spectators and the dusty road from the main road to the camp was filled with automobiles, horsemen, motor trucks and mule teams most of the time.

Quartermaster Busy.

Major George O. Cress, the officer in command rode out of the camp with his orderly shortly after ten o'clock for a morning canter. One of the busiest men is Quartermaster Phipps, who has charge of laying out the camp. The latter is growing all the time and many additional tents were put up today. Quarters for the high army officers are ready, each being neatly labeled.

It is understood that the large lot now used for the camp costs the government \$400 for a week.

THE GREAT WAR GAME.

From now until the last of next week Bridgeport will be the center of the greatest war game ever played upon the American continent. The public interest in the doings of the military bodies which are now marching upon the city is remarkably keen and for the time being, at least, baseball scores and politics are likely to take second and third places in the discussions, which occur where two or three are gathered together.

As the game is to be played the good folks around Connecticut will see all that part of war except the element which places it in close association with those conditions supposed to belong to a country thought to be much hotter than this," as General Sherman might have said had he been talking to the Y. W. C. A. when he made his famous remark. A tremendous omission, one would naturally say. True, and for all of which we may be duly thankful. If we were now in the path of an invading army bent on reaching New York, with the great city's defenders strung along from the shore to Danbury, determined to resist to the last, we could not contemplate the situation with equanimity and prepare to enjoy the thrills and pleasures that are now to be ours in watching the mimic presentation of the greatest of all conflicts.

And so as the time for the game approaches, as the umpire is preparing to say "play," we may all seek the best points of vantage, as the early birds do on the "bleachers" at a baseball game, and prepare to observe with delight every maneuver, to be thrilled by the booming of big guns and the spiteful cracking of the rifles, and to note all the pomp and show of battle without the terrible accompaniment of shattered humanity.

One word more. In enjoying the game, do not get in the way of the players. You can root for the "Blue"—that will be duly patriotic, but do not try to tell the generals how to stop "flank movements," or how to check "center attacks." Just keep out of the way and enjoy the fun.

IN THE MIDST OF WAR.

Next week will witness the commencement of the war game in earnest. Already the countryside is alive with soldiers and the work of establishing camps in various sections is vigorously prosecuted. So far only soldiers of the regular army have appeared and it has been remarked that they have been fine husky looking fellows of quiet demeanor. It is a business with them and they go about with the camp preparations as a matter of ordinary routine.

With the influx of the militia of several states during the next day or two there will be more excitement and the war game will be in full swing.