

# The Bridgeport Post

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## BATTLE OF WALNUT TREE HILL IS BEING FOUGHT

### Skirmish Line of the Fourth New Jersey, Blue Army, Defending Walnut Tree Hill



Photo by L. H. Corbit, Special Post Photographer.

Showing Firing Line in Huntington This Morning When the Second Massachusetts (Red) Closed in on the Fourth New Jersey (Blue). Sharp Rifle Fire All Along the Line.

### Reds and Blue Armies Fight Fiercely, Engagement Becoming General During Forenoon.

Active Firing Is Halted for a While to Let Umpires Look Over Field and Reckon Up the Outcome—Blues at Brooklawn Break Camp and March Toward Tashua Hill—Could Plainly Hear Noise of Conflict at Walnut Tree Hill.

### Building Pontoon Over the Naugatuck River



Photo by L. H. Corbit, Special Post Photographer.

Photo shows Engineers in Act of Bridging the Naugatuck at Old Town Road—Only Picture Secured of This Engineering Feat.

## ANOTHER ACCIDENT STOPS FLYING BY ARMY AVIATORS

### Lieutenant Foulois Forced to Make Hasty Descent Near Botsford—Aeroplane Rescue Corps Gets Its First Tryout and Does Excellent Work.

By National News Wire. HEADQUARTERS, STRATFORD, Aug. 14.—Lieut. B. D. Foulois of the United States army aviation corps, was with eleven of his Burgess-Wright aeroplanes, while scouting over the war maneuvers today. When at a height of 200 feet, near Botsford, his engine began to misfire and he was compelled to make a quick descent.

**Machine Wrecked.**  
The machine was wrecked in landing, but Foulois was uninjured and reported the accident to aviation headquarters here by telephone.

The aerial problem given the aviation squadron for solution was a reconnaissance of a triangle between the towns of Derby, Stepney and Stratford. The duty of the aviators was to plot the encampment and firing lines upon their maps.

Lieut. Foulois in his Burgess-Wright was the first to get away. He was

closely followed by Lieut. T. Dewitt Milling in a Curtiss.

**Rescue Corps' Work.**  
Because of Lieut. Foulois' accident, the aviation corps had its first opportunity under conditions approximating actual war and made a record that drew the personal praise of General Bliss and Major Sam Reber, in charge of the signal corps.

Over steep, sandy Connecticut roads, a motor truck loaded with repair equipment, rushed to the rescue of Lieut. Foulois. They took the aeroplane apart, and returned to aviation headquarters in three hours and 20 minutes for the round trip of 20 miles.

The machine was taken to the hangar for repairs. Captain Hennessy stating that it would again be in commission tomorrow. It was officially announced this afternoon that President Taft had postponed his expected visit to the camp until Friday. Secretary of War Stimson telegraphed that he would leave for the scene of action tonight.

## LIEUT. WICKHAM WALKED INTO A PRETTY PICKLE

### Red Officer Thought He'd Visit Bridgeport but the Blues Thought Otherwise.

All may be fair in love, but not in war is the opinion of First Lieutenant James Wickham of the 69th Regiment New York National Guard, whose company is numbered with the Red army of invasion, and has since Sunday been stationed near New Haven.

**Wanted to Visit City.**  
Lieutenant Wickham when not at war is district manager for New York city of the James Van Dyke Tea company, and yesterday morning he thought that as there was very little possibility of bloodshed in the vicinity of where his regiment is located, he decided to hike down to Bridgeport and pay a visit to his old friend, Samuel Richelmer, who is local manager of the Van Dyke Tea company's store at Main street, corner of Elm.

The lieutenant had no idea of the distance of the walk, and figured that he would be able to steal a ride part of the way at least. All went well until the officer, reached Woodmont, when suddenly he heard the familiar command to "Halt!"

## MAJ. GENERAL WOOD AT CAMP TODAY AND PRESIDENT FRIDAY

### Secretary of War Stimson Is Expected Tomorrow—Aviators at Headquarters Will Do Special Stunts in Honor of Distinguished Visitors.

(By Post Staff Correspondent.) HEADQUARTERS, STRATFORD, Conn., Aug. 14.—Expectancy succeeded apathy today at the headquarters camp of the big war game, as it was announced that Secretary of War Stimson with Major-General Leonard H. Wood, his chief of staff, would arrive at the camp in time to witness the aviation work this afternoon. President Taft was expected tomorrow, but information obtained at headquarters makes it appear that he will be unable to leave Washington until Friday or Saturday.

**Aviation Performances.**  
The aviation corps will expand their previous performances a bit in honor of the secretary of war and Gen. Wood, provided the weather is favorable. This is by far the worst

stretch of country that the birdmen have ever been confronted with, and all admit that flying in Connecticut is hazardous far beyond any other spot they have yet encountered.

**Fog Spoiled Flying.**  
A heavy sound fog prevailed early this morning, getting into the engines of the flying machines, and doing a demoralizing work. Every flier who went aloft this morning had serious trouble and was forced to come down almost immediately. Lieut. Milling was up for 11 minutes and for six minutes, but his condition was precarious because of engine trouble. He landed at the headquarters camp without a mishap, however. Three minutes' flying was enough to convince Beckwith Havens that his engine was in no condition for flying.

## BLUES LEAVE CITY AND MARCH NORTH TO TASHUA HILL

### Important Vantage Point Is Occupied by Soldiers Who Were Encamped at Brooklawn Last Night—Hope to Take Part in Tomorrow's Fighting.

(By Post Staff Correspondent.) TASHUA HILL, LONG HILL, Conn., Aug. 14.—This vantage point, the highest accessible elevation in Fairfield county, was occupied early this afternoon by the Second New York Provisional Brigade under Gen. John Eddy. The Second brigade was encamped last night at Brooklawn, Bridgeport, having retreated to that point from Naugatuck Junction and Milford following several unsuccessful clashes with the Reds.

**Road Was Poor.**  
The troops in the brigade are the First and Second New York cavalry, the Fourteenth, Twentieth, Third and Forty-seventh Infantry, the First New York Hospital corps and the First New York Ambulance corps. Wagon trains a mile long gave the commanders some trouble in getting over a most unsatisfactory road.

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(By Post Staff Correspondent.)

### WALNUT TREE HILL, HUNTINGTON, Conn., Aug. 14.—

Jim Page provided some rare entertainment today for the city blues and Blue armies engage in the sharpest battle yet seen in mimic warfare right plumb in front of the house where the folks could watch it from the veranda.

**Firing Began at Noon.**  
The fighting began shortly before noon and continued for an hour. The Fourteenth New Jersey regiment, entrenched all around the Page farm held off the Sixth Massachusetts which came up north of the old Huntington reservoir. Indications were, after the first let-up in the firing, that the battle would be continued this afternoon, probably with most decisive results. The entire strength of both armies is within a few miles of the scene of today's battle and on the result of this conflict depends much toward the success or failure of the Red invasion.

The chores hadn't been done around the Page farmhouse this morning when the Fourteenth New Jersey regiment (Blues) pushed its way up to the top of Walnut Tree Hill. The regiment was quickly entrenched in front of the farmhouse, overlooking the valley north of the old Huntington reservoir. The slope of the hill in front of the farmhouse was most advantageous for the placing of the firing line, the supports and reserves.

**Generals Mills and Blues There.**  
Shortly after the Blues arrived, Gen. Albert L. Mills and the headquarters staff of the Blue army, drove up to the farmhouse. These were followed by the chief umpire, Gen. Task-

er H. Bliss and his staff from maneuver headquarters at Brooklawn, Green. By the time the last boarder had eaten his breakfast, the farmhouse was just about the place imaginable.

Gen. Mills dismounted and conferred with his aides for a long while the opening of hostilities awaited. The famous Indian he seated himself on his best, and a huge elm in the Page yard heard reports from scouts regarding the position of the Reds. The general didn't seem much excited, but just the same ordered his chief to turn the car around so it would face the gate leading into the camp.

"I might want to get away here in a hurry," he said.

Col. Walter Geddes, prominent militia circles in Connecticut, presented to Gen. Mills and staff several touring cars. The chief of the general's car showed his interest in the whole proceeding by going to sleep in his seat when the car came to a stop in a shady spot at Walnut Tree Hill. The Blues are now engaged in the present war.

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## LONG HILL ALMOST HAD A LITTLE WAR

(By Post Staff Correspondent.) LONG HILL, Conn., Aug. 14.—Long Hill almost had a little war of its own this afternoon. The famous 10th cavalry (colored) retreating from Walnut Tree Hill, where it had formed advance guard for the main Red division engaged, came marching down the railroad station hill about 2 o'clock.

**Rival Troops Encountered.**  
Half way down the hill a detachment of Blues from the Second New York brigade, headed for Tashua Hill, was encountered. Natives who saw the rival armies approaching one another, gasped and placed their fingers to their ears. They closed their eyes as not to witness the awful carnage that was sure to follow. The rival troops met.

**The Bitter Conflict.**  
"Oh, you Reds," sang out the Blues.

"Oh, you Blues," answered the Reds.

And the armies continued on their way, the soldiers of the rival armies rubbing elbows as they passed and shouting good natured taunts at each other.

It was then discovered by the natives of Long Hill that it was after 1:30 o'clock when hostilities are closed for a time. The rival troops continued to their respective camping grounds.

The Blue headquarters was removed today from Long Hill to Redding.

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ceived attention from the horse and ambulance corps.

Tashua Hill is a most strategic point and if it is held by Gen. Eddy's forces, it will be a big advantage to the defending army. The march from Bridgeport today was long upon by some as evidence that the place would be the scene of a serious conflict late today or tomorrow.

The soldiers encamped at Tashua Hill could hear the reports of the artillery during the battle being fought at Walnut Tree Hill. The Blues boys here hope to get into an important tomorrow, as most of them haven't seen any regular fighting yet.

**Left Camp Early.**  
Before 8 o'clock this morning, the troops that were encamped at Brooklawn, this city, got underway for Tashua Hill. Hundreds of soldiers who there witnessed the battle, like get-away of the wagon trains and troops. They were seen at the camp last night.

# RETREAT OF BLUES BECOMES A ROUT

By National News Wire.  
HEADQUARTERS BLUE ARMY, LONG HILL, Aug. 14.—The retreat of the Blue army defending New York city was turned almost into a rout today by the sharp attacks of the Red army of invasion. The capture of the metropolis seems certain. As a result of the continued success of the Reds, Brig. Gen. Albert S. Mills took the field in person to lead his army, but was unable to stem the tide of defeat which had overwhelmed the officers who have hitherto been directing the Blue army without instructions from their commander.

**Give Way to Invaders.**  
The Blues' right flank, composed of three Brooklyn regiments and two regiments of New York cavalry, fled before the onrush of the invading Reds and camped at Bridgeport today. Danbury, the Blues' base of supplies was left unprotected. The left flank of the Blues concentrated five miles west of the Housatonic river with the enemy heavily massed in front.

Camp was broken early at Long Hill, where Blue headquarters were established several days ago and the general's staff, guarded by Troop 1, Tenth regular cavalry, (colored) moved south of Monroe.

The First provisional infantry and the First Regiment of Vermont camped at East Village, resting after a sharp battle with two Red regiments which had taken up a position two miles east of the Blues. The two Blue regiments were recalled from Sandy Hook station, about 15 miles north on the Housatonic river, where they were guarding Danbury, the Blue base of supplies.

**Battle at East Village.**  
Near East Village they unexpectedly came upon the three Red regi-

ments and a pitched battle took place.

Though greatly outnumbered the Fifth regulars, commanded by Colonel Cowles, put up a stubborn battle, while the Vermont troops under command of Brigadier General Henry L. Kirby, made a wide detour and attacked the Reds' left flank, driving it back.

Troop B, Tenth cavalry, had been sent as reinforcements, and came on the scene as the battle ended.

**Many Blues Captured.**  
Many Red patrols completely encircled the First Blue brigade of New Jersey, composed of the First, Fourth and Fifth regiments, N. J. N. G. escaped between Walnut Tree Hill and Huntington, and captured several of their outposts. A commissary train, commanded by Captain H. L. Harris, while bringing supplies from Long Hill to Huntington, was captured by a squadron of the Tenth Red cavalry, under command of Lieut. Bland. Major Knox, staff officer, who accompanied the train, escaped.

Several skirmishes took place near Tippecanoe Hills, two miles west of Housatonic river, resulting in the capture of a troop of Red cavalry by the Blues.

Two companies of Red cavalry were also destroyed near Lower White Hills, but in spite of these small victories, the Blue outposts fell back nearer to the main encampment, as the Reds massed their forces on the west bank of the Housatonic river.

**Blues Fight Desperately.**  
The Blues took advantage of every stone wall and hill between the two forces and fought desperately for every foot of ground, but were forced back.

The Reds concentrated their forces west of the Housatonic river by crossing Fennetts bridge, which the Blues had failed to destroy.

# SIDE LIGHTS ON GREAT WAR GAME IN CONNECTICUT

Former U. S. Treasurer Morgan Has Summer Home Near Scene of Conflict.

Former U. S. Treasurer Daniel N. Morgan has a summer home at Huntington and today he visited the line of battle in one of the military automobiles. Yesterday Huntington was full of soldiers of the Blue army. Two officers of the Second Massachusetts regiment of the Red army, Lieut. Chamberlain and Lieut. Coolidge scouted almost into the Blue line, and found refuge in Mr. Morgan's barn. They succeeded in escaping. Today the officers called on Mr. Morgan with the whole Second Massachusetts at their backs. The regiment bivouacked on Huntington Green where it was held in reserve.

**Visitors at Brooklawn.**  
Many visitors went out to the camp of the Second New York brigade at Brooklawn last evening. There were said to be 4,500 troops under General Eddy encamped. The men put up shelter tents and most of them crawled under them and had a good nap as soon as they could. The scene was picturesque in the evening. The flaming fires from the cook tents lit up the place. Many young women were out collecting souvenirs. This morning at 7 o'clock the brigade broke camp.

**Some Nerve!**  
This afternoon at one o'clock 25 Reds marched up the turnpike to Long Hill. They said they were after 2,000 Blues who were not far away. Firing was heard over near Tashua hill.

# CONNECTICUT CONGRESSMAN IN WAR GAME

Major John Q. Tilson, Veteran of Spanish War, Enjoys Sham Battle Immensely.

WALNUT TREE HILL, HUNTINGTON, Conn., Aug. 14.—Prominent among the official observers of today's battle was Major John Q. Tilson, of New Haven, congressman-at-large from Connecticut and a veteran of the Spanish war. Major Tilson was attired in the regulation khaki uniform and seemed to be enjoying the big war game immensely.

He says the maneuvers will be of great benefit both to the regulars and militiamen. The observer's duty is to watch the progress of the fight and gain therefrom such instruction as they may. They are also expected to report to the umpires any happenings of especial interest that come under their observation.

Major Tilson was much surprised when told by a Post reporter that Washington despatches last night say President Taft may witness the war game Saturday. Major Tilson says the President is having a busy time of it in Washington just now and he didn't think the chief executive could get away from the capital. The major expressed the hope, though, that the report is true.

If President Taft should accompany Maj. Gen. Wood to the maneuvers Saturday, he will follow the headquarters staff from Paradise Green, it was said today.

# SHE THOUGHT HE WAS A WAR CORRESPONDENT

Took Captain for "One of Those Fresh New York Journal Reporters"

One of the captains from the headquarters camp was up Huntington way this morning when he got caught in what he labels "a funny one." A woman living nearby approached the captain and after looking him over for some minutes, gave vent to the following question: "Say, are you a captain?"

The captain was somewhat "knocked off his base," but managed to reply in the firm, even tone customary to captains: "Yes," he bowed.

**One on the Captain.**  
"Well, you don't look like one," she said, "From your looks I thought that you were one of those fresh New York Journal reporters that were around here yesterday." That was too much for the captain and he abandoned the fort.

# WALNUT TREE HILL IS SCENE OF WARM BATTLE

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welcome one, he declared just before clinching with Kid Morpheus.

**Post Cars on the Job.**

The Post photographer's car was on the job early, as was the car for the "war correspondents" of this paper. The photographer's car had among its passengers Jimmy Hare, formerly with Collier's Weekly, the man who has snapped more prominent people in more countries than any man in the business. Jimmy had a "movie" machine with him and kept the big guns in the Page farmyard stepping about so that he might get them into the thousands of feet of film he is making of the war game.

Shortly before 11 o'clock, Gen. Mills with a couple of his aides, shot away from the farmhouse in a touring car. Before they returned, the fighting had begun.

Nearly 1,000 yards south of the farmhouse, Blue lookouts spotted a lone cavalryman galloping up the road. In a few minutes he was followed by the advance guard of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment, "a fightin' bunch." In column of squads the regiment swung into view.

**Blues Lost a Chance.**

Right here the Blues lost a few points, in the opinion of the observers and umpires. The Blues were also slow in getting their fire started, and did not have an opportunity to take a shot at the Red army as it was massed in column. Had the firing by the Blues been at the proper moment, the Red army would have been cut to pieces, observers said.

When the firing did start, it resembled a regular battle for all the world. The Blues were supposed to be entrenched on the slopes in front of the Page farmhouse and kept up a continuous rattle of musketry as they fired on the advance lines of the Reds, now about 600 yards away. The firing continued for nearly an hour, when a halt was called that the umpires and observers might do a little work.

**Reds Held Position.**

The Reds had their first line about 600 yards from the Blues when the firing ceased temporarily. They had maintained that position for half an hour, despite the heavy fire from the hills. The cavalry that had formed the advance guard of the Reds withdrew to the road when firing commenced and apparently were preparing for a flank movement when hostilities ceased.

Had the Blues been prompt in opening on the Reds there is little doubt that the battle would have been short and sweet. The delay was costly and may mean some severe fighting later this afternoon, observers said.

# RED FORCES AT HUNTINGTON ARE TAKING IT EASY

Rest on Their Laurels After Forcing Passage Over Housatonic Yesterday.

By National News Wire.

HUNTINGTON, Aug. 14.—The part of the First Provisional brigade of the Red army, under Colonel Cowles of the Fifth infantry, which includes the First and Second Connecticut infantry and the First Separate company, C. N. G., were not in contact with the Blue enemy today, resting on their laurels of yesterday in driving the Blues from the Housatonic.

**ATTY. GOULD'S AUTO BOARDED.**

Attorney Robert H. Gould was bowling along State street about 10 o'clock last evening when a militiaman halted him and climbed aboard. "Shtake me to the camp," he said. "Where's your camp," asked Gould. "Idsh know. Shust shtake me there or shozomewhere."

At first Mr. Gould thought he might be an officer he knew but when he found it to be a private with a load he quickly bundled him out of the car.

**GUY SOUTHEY HELD UP.**

Architect Guy Southey had an evening experience with the Red army near Trumbull late last evening. He was driving with a companion when he was hed up by the guard who was afraid he might have a Blue soldier smuggled in his carriage. He soon convinced the sentinel of his error and praised his zeal.