

SHAM BATTLE GREAT SUCCESS

Picturesque Feature for the Visitors at the Exposition Yesterday.

BLUES DEFEAT BROWNS

Interesting Skirmishes, Feints, Deploying and Firing of National Guardsmen and Regulars at Centennial.

THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION.

That the attendance at the Exposition is steadily increasing is shown by the table below, which gives the admissions to the Fair by the week up to July 18. The week of July 4 to July 12 shows the largest attendance, the tremendous crowds of the Fourth of July swelling the attendance. The lightest week was June 22 to June 28. The following is the attendance to the Exposition by weeks:

First week, June 1 to 7.....	99,275
Second week, June 8 to 14.....	100,724
Third week, June 15 to 21.....	98,942
Fourth week, June 22 to 28.....	86,916
Fifth week, June 29 to July 5.....	141,413
Sixth week, July 6 to 12.....	111,284
Seventh week, July 13 to 19.....	104,261
Total.....	746,207

The Japanese rushes at Fort Arthur paled into insignificance in comparison with the brilliant charges and the military strategy of the boys in blue and brown, who yesterday fought a mimic battle on the hillside overlooking the Exposition grounds in the presence of thousands. Nearly 1200 soldiers, both of the Oregon National Guard and the United States regular troops, fought a fierce battle at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. In full view of the masses of visitors to the Exposition, a fortified height was stormed and captured by the soldiers. There were two forces engaged in the battle; the blues composing the attacking force, and the browns on the defensive. The blues were victorious, capturing the browns in the entrenchments.

Cannons boomed and the rifles cracked and sputtered; whole battalions of soldiers rushed up the hillside through the grass and brush; men fell to the ground apparently riddled with bullets; the cavalry, charged up the road, all forming a battle that was realistic in the extreme, delighting and entertaining the visitors to the Exposition. The sham battle attracted one of the largest crowds of the month to the Exposition and all those who saw it were not disappointed.

The soldiers on the defensive were commanded by Major Mays and were firmly entrenched on the hillside directly back of the American Inn. The attacking force was under the command of Colonel C. U. Gantenbein. South of the American Inn, outside of the Exposition grounds, were stationed three battalions of the attacking force, consisting of about 700 men. There were about 350 men in the force entrenched. On the Peninsula were stationed the two companies from the Tenth United States Infantry. The cavalry and artillery took stands along the railroad tracks north of Government Island.

At exactly 4 o'clock in the afternoon a soldier from the top of the hill waved a flag, and in answer the artillery opened with several shots. The infantry on Government Island and the National Guards stationed south of the American Inn began firing on the entrenchments and the battle was on. At the very beginning of the battle, one of the three attacking battalions, which were trying to turn the flank of the enemy, swung away to the south in an enveloping movement. The other two battalions deployed and steadily advanced on the right flank of the entrenchments.

At this juncture the cavalry dashed down the St. Helens' road and part of the United States troops embarked in boats and landed on the other side of the lake at the foot of the hill. These movements were only feints and were intended to distract the attention of the enemy from the three battalions that were advancing on the right of the entrenchments. It was hoped to draw the browns from the breastworks to repel the cavalry and the landing party, in which case the retreat of the enemy would have been cut off by the infantry on the right. But off



TENTH UNITED STATES REGULARS ON GOVERNMENT PENINSULA, FIRING FROM A HASTILY-THROWN-UP ENTRENCHMENT.

browns would not leave the entrenchments, their scouts having reported the strength of the two battalions of infantry on the right, but they did not discover the third battalion that had disappeared in the woods in an enveloping movement. Gradually the two battalions on the right advanced by rushes. The men deployed along the hillside so as to furnish poor targets for the enemy. The soldiers of the attacking force

could be seen falling to the ground from the galling and effective fire of the browns. Many men were lost every time the infantry arose from cover and made a rush towards the trenches. Within 20 minutes after the battle started the two battalions had advanced to within a few hundred yards of the enemy. They suddenly opened a terrible fusillade, the soldiers firing as rapidly as they possibly could, evidently to make the enemy think that they were preparing for the final

feet would have been better for the spectators had black powder been used instead of the smokeless shells. Black powder would have made more noise and clearly defined the positions of the opposing forces when they were in the brush. However, they were satisfied with the mimic battle and say it was one of the most successful sham engagements ever held in the state. The encampment of the National Guards ended at the Exposition yesterday afternoon. Many of the soldiers left for

Exposition in the month of September, the exact date of which will be determined later. Oregon babies, Portland, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Alaskan and babies of all nationalities will be there. A procession of babies in their decorated carriages, arranged in counties, districts of the city and in races, is planned. The carriages will be pushed by school children. To Dan McAllen, father of the Exposition, has most appropriately been given the management of the day. Mr.

man; Mrs. L. H. Wells, 607 East Ninth, and others. The prizes—To best county display of babies, to best district display, to the smallest baby, to the largest baby, to the finest blue, black, brown and gray—red; to the most beautiful, to the most perfectly formed, to the brightest, to the heaviest, to the lightest, to the best-natured, to the most active, to the youngest. Mr. McAllen offers a fine prize to the worst-behaved. Prizes given also to best decorated carriages. The Exposition management and the merchants of the city will donate to the prize fund. Babies will be entered from the youngest age offered up to 3 years old. Babies should be listed with all communication to Miss McKeown, care of McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Washington streets.



CROWDS ON LAKEVIEW TERRACE AT THE EXPOSITION DURING THE SHAM BATTLE.

would make a rush of a dozen yards and then lie down in the grass, taking advantage of the cover of brush and trees. They then would reply to the enemy's fire, and every few minutes would make another rush. The enemy's fire was the heaviest when the rushes were being made, little attention being paid to the United States troops and the cavalry as soon as it was discovered that their movements were only feints and that the real danger lay from the infantry on the right. The battle was the most realistic when the infantry advanced up the hillside by rushes. Dozens of men

charge at the point of the bayonet. The enemy returned the fire with redoubled vigor, and in the thickest of the fire the battalions that had been making the enveloping movement burst upon the enemy from in back of the entrenchments. After a few volleys at close range, the browns decided that they had had enough, and raised the white flag. They were escorted back to camp by the victorious blues. The battle lasted about half an hour. To distinguish the two forces, the blues wore blue blouses and the browns wore attire in their khaki uniforms. The military officers say that the ef-

their respective homes, and the few that did not go yesterday leave today. Company A, from Baker City, will remain over in Portland until Tuesday, which is Baker City day at the Exposition. It is encamped on the Goldsmith tract, where all of the National Guards had their tents.

Compliments for the Guard.

Yesterday at noon, the time when the encampment officially ended, the soldiers assembled together in front of their tents and listened to addresses by Governor Chamberlain, Colonel Gantenbein and Chaplain W. S. Gilbert. Governor Chamberlain delivered a brilliant speech, in which he paid the National Guard many compliments. He was loudly cheered upon the conclusion of his address. Colonel Gantenbein and Chaplain Gilbert were also given hearty ovations.

"From what I have learned from outside sources, I am more than satisfied that the Oregon National Guard cast, without even the slightest degree of hesitancy, take its place alongside of any militia body in the United States," said the Governor. "I do not need to say that it is with a feeling of pride that I think of this, and I wish to compliment both the officers and men for this cause of gratification. You have not only brought honor to yourselves, but to the state as well."

Colonel Gantenbein, who followed Governor Chamberlain, said in part:

"It is difficult for me to express the pleasure and gratification I have received in the ten days' encampment which we are now ending. The entire encampment, from every point of view, has been the most successful encampment that I have ever had the honor to be connected with. I cannot find words in which to express my admiration for the exemplary conduct and character of the enlisted men in camp."

Chaplain Gilbert also said in part:

"I cannot refrain from supplementing the Colonel's remarks and saying that, as a chaplain, was not only impressed with the military conduct of the camp, but the moral as well. We had over 800 men in camp for ten days. Out of these 800 men there were but 12 booked to the guardhouse, and these men were held under the most minor charge—absent from roll-call. As chaplain of the regiment, I want to say that I am thoroughly proud of the boys. They are not only soldiers, but gentlemen."

BABIES TO HAVE A DAY.

In September the Infants of Northwest will be on View. There will be a Babies' day at the

McAllen is assisted in this by a committee of ladies—Mrs. B. S. Pague, chairman; Miss Alpha Dimmick, first vice; Miss McKeon, secretary, and the chairmen of the different districts of the city: Mrs. F. M. Branch, 95 East Thirty-fourth street; Mrs. Norris Cox, Baby's Home; Miss Mabel Devers, 253 North Twenty-first street; Mrs. Katharine Daly, 673 Irving street; Mrs. A. J. Farmer, 650 East Madison street; Mrs. George Flinders, 130 Elizabeth street; Mrs. Henry W. Goddard, 455 Goring street; Mrs. Kent; Mrs. Kingsbury; Miss Winifred Mosher, Sixth and Sher-

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BATTLE OF THE BIG HORN

CLUSTER'S LAST STAND WILL BE REPRODUCED.

Indians to Personate Sioux and Regulars Will Take Part in Sham Encounter.

An Indian battle, such as has rarely if ever before been presented as an amusement feature, is to be held at the Lewis and Clark Exposition on the afternoon of August 10. The Custer massacre is to be reproduced and details of the sham battle announced yesterday are on a large scale. Two hundred In-

ADMISSIONS, 23,360. Admissions yesterday were reported as 23,360 at the Fair.

dians are to be recruited from neighboring reservations and these will be pitted against a troop of cavalry. The Indians will wear the war paint and full equipments of the Sioux and the troopers will wear the uniforms used by the cavalry service in 1876. The fight is to take place on the Government Peninsula, where the topography is somewhat similar to the Big Horn Basin. The cavalry will stand off the first assault of the Indians in solid formation, but as their numbers are thinned out will gather on a little swell and fight to the death. Historical descriptions of Custer's last battle will be used in making the final plans of battle and the fight will be as nearly a reproduction of the original massacre as possible to make it. The redskins will fight mounted and

dismounted. The swift little Indian ponies will encircle the entrapped cavalrymen, pouring in deadly volleys from their rifles as they fire. Every moment some trooper will "pass in his chaps." That he will do according to instructions given him beforehand and not because of having a bullet lodge in him. The only bullets that will figure in the fight will be soap missiles, such as are used in blank cartridges. When the last of the ill-fated soldiers is down the Indians will rush upon the scene and go through the performance of robbing the bodies, stripping away jackets, hats, boots and other equipment. The cavalrymen will most probably see to it, however, that they have nothing of great value in their pockets, while the other things can easily be recovered before the aboriginal Americans take their final leave. Work on the warships which are to figure in the mimic naval battle of August 2 is progressing rapidly, and the boats will be ready within two more days. The naval battle is to be the most realistic affair of the kind ever produced.

HIGH PRAISE FOR THE FAIR

MAJOR HOOPER, OF DENVER & RIO GRANDE, ENTHUSIASTIC.

Portland Has Set a New Standard of Beauty for World's Expositions, He Says.

"Portland has set a new standard of beauty for World's Fairs, and has proved that a most interesting and instructive exhibition can be made a superb success on the Pacific Coast," said Major S. K. Hooper, general passenger and ticket agent of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, who left for Denver last night. "I had been prepared for a beautiful Fair by reports brought back by friends who had preceded me, but nevertheless was surprised at the wonderful natural beauty of the surroundings and architecture that to my mind surpasses by far any of the preceding National enterprises of the kind. It is a splendid Fair, and its compactness is a feature that should commend it to every visitor, for it is possible to visit the exhibits—and they are very thorough and complete—without tiring oneself out. I was particularly impressed with the matchless charm of the grounds, and surprised that the parking had all been done expressly for the Fair. Certainly that area should be retained as a public park with the Forestry structure and any other buildings of a permanent character kept and permanent exhibits housed in them as a source of instruction to strangers concerning the Oregon country and diversified and important industries of the region, given to the Union by reason of the journey of a century ago. Thousands of tourists who come to Colorado during the next two months will journey on to Portland. We are going to have a little event of our own in Utah also, so that will draw travel next month, August 17 the drawing for entry on Utah Indian lands begins at Provo, Utah, registration for which begins at Grand Junction, Colo.; Vernal, Price and Provo, August 1, and continues until August 12. These localities are reached only by the Denver & Rio Grande, and there will unquestionably be great interest and registration several times the number of claims that can be allotted. It is a magnificent country of great agricultural possibilities that is to be opened."

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WEATHER NO BAR.

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SKIRMISHERS ADVANCING TO UNMASK THE ENEMY.



COLONEL GANTENBEIN DIRECTING THE ADVANCE FROM FIELD HEADQUARTERS.