

FOUGHT AT BALAKLAVA SUN EXTRA—3 O'CLOCK AFFECTING THE MAPLES SLEEPS CALMLY!

An Article Has Been Published in the West Scoring England For Her Indifference to the Men in the Great Charge.—A Survivor in Attleboro.

Every American schoolboy has read the stirring lines: "Nearly everybody knows them by heart."

But nearly everybody does not know that the men who led that famous charge are today starving to death.

Literally starving.

The breath of life is kept in a few survivors by pitiful donations of \$1.25 and \$2.50 per week, raised by private subscription, which others have already sought rest in papers, graves scattered about England in various poorhouses, a few of these men, whose fame once shook the world, daily agonize for the death that passed them by on the field of battle.

This harsh but justified arraignment of Great Britain has just created a distinct sensation in the West.

It is the opening of an article from the pen of W. B. Northrop of Portland, Oregon. It was given to the public during the past few days, and since the word had gone abroad that a veteran of Balaklava lived in Attleboro, a copy was sent to this town.

Charles Bilson of Holman street was in the terrific charge, which will live in the memory of man, while gallantry is admired and criminal carelessness is condemned. The two human attributes will be forever associated with Balaklava in the popular mind.

Mr. Bilson is not starving. But he is 66 years of age and is forced by his circumstances to toil every day for his living, and to live with his wife in surroundings which bear evidence of thrift, but lack that degree of comfort which the richest empire of the earth ought in common gratitude to assure to the men who won her flag deathless glory that day.

Like the other survivors of Balaklava, Mr. Bilson seems to ask for aims and insists on being self-supporting despite the advance of years. But down in his heart, like his comrades, he feels the neglect which historians will never be able to excuse.

Mr. Bilson was a member of the First Royals, a regiment of infantry, 100 of whose men were made part of the detachment of foot which fol-

lowed the Light Brigade of Cavalry into the Mouth of Hell.

He witnessed the fearful slaughter, but in the retreat escaped unscathed. He afterward participated in the battle of Sebastopol, served through the Suez campaign in India, came to America, and followed the Stars and Stripes of the Civil War in the Fifth Connecticut.

He applied for a British pension, but was curtly refused on the ground that he had no business to be away from England, as the letter read: "He would not beg for aid even from the English Government, so he has been content to let the whole matter pass, and to take care of himself and wife by his own efforts."

He has lived so quietly in this town, occupying hired rooms and working at a variety of jobs, that it was only lately that it became known a survivor of the famous "Charge" was in the town.

Like the other survivors, he has been no grumbler at his lot, though he has been denied the easy living he would have enjoyed, and which a few favored British soldiers get as a reward for their services.

The Spanish Government, instead of pensions, gives its battle-scarred veterans permits to beg in the public highways. The treatment given the veterans of Balaklava, including the Attleboro one, by the English Government has been so "Spanish" as to make creditable by contrast the generosity of Uncle Sam to his Civil War veterans.

So little is really known by the public about this matter, and in fact about the famous "Charge," that a further quotation from Mr. Northrop's spirited article may be found read aloud.

Most persons imagine that the survivors of the wonderfully daring adventure are today enjoying comfortable pensions in some old soldiers' home. It is generally supposed that their breasts proudly bear the decorations for gallantry of which England is so profuse when young Lord Nobody, or the Viscount de Braganza, exposes his delicate article to the sun in some land-grabbing war against unarmed natives.

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Cardinal Andrea Ferrari
ARCHBISHOP OF MILAN

Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto
PATRIARCH OF VENICE

It is impossible to give the condition of Pope Leo up to 7 o'clock this evening, as the Sun has been doing late. Some trouble with the wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company, according to the statement of the local operator, interfered with this paper's service of news from the Publishers' Press, so that nothing later than 3 o'clock can be printed.

Rome, July 15.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Pope Leo was comfortably sleeping, as he had been since a little after the noon hour. His rest was very calm, and almost like that of a person in health.

Dr. Lapponi took the opportunity to leave the bed chamber and allowed himself to be interviewed by the waiting newspaper men and others in the adjoining rooms.

He said that unless one of the sudden sinking spells which have

marked the Pope's illness should come on as before without warning his patient might live two or three more days.

He added that practically all the symptoms of pneumonia have disappeared, and there is no fresh gathering of serum in the lung cavity, or if there is any it is so slight in quantity that it cannot be detected by the physicians and causes no pain nor difficulty of breathing.

He added that a complete muscular prostration has followed the extreme trying organic difficulties through which the patient has passed, and that while his wonderful nerve and vitality supports him, this general weakening precedes the hope of a real recovery of health.

He said that through the morning the patient was extremely restless and ill at ease mentally and physically, and to a correspondent of the

Tribuna he said that there was hope that His Holiness might be alive on Friday.

The usual 9 o'clock morning bulletin said:

His Holiness remained in the critical condition in which he was all last night. During the night he had some slight periods of sleep, but no special change was noticed in his general condition. His pulsations are 82, respiration 30, and temperature 36.2 degrees Centigrade.

In the quiet but determined which is being done by certain Cardinals and his friends to secure the coveted prize of election to the Pontificate, two new and strong figures have appeared.

Cardinal Andrea Ferrari, the Archbishop of Milan, and Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, have become candidates and have developed strong followings.

DISTRICT COURT.

There was no session of the District Court this morning, there being no cases to come up for settlement. The Judge took the occasion to attend the Dedham court. Saturday the continued case of Charles Hodge of the Falls, charged with stealing a horse, will be heard. Agent W. Frederick Davis will be present at the trial.

FIREWORKS EACH WEEK.

The management of Talagoga Park announced to-day that it will inaugurate this week an improvement to be continued all summer. Hereafter there will be a display of fireworks at the Park every Thursday evening in addition to the excellent vaudeville.



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CARPENTERS' UNION.

Attleboro Union, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, held its weekly meeting last evening. One candidate was initiated. A number of other applications were reported to be on hand and they will probably be passed on at the next meeting of the union.

A New Pest Follows the Elm Leaf Beetle Into Town, and Joins in the Work of Devastating the Foliage of Shade Trees. Advice From Amherst.

A new insect pest has appeared in town, and the maple leaves are being swept away, and the trees injured to such an extent that many individuals are preparing to take active steps to counteract the evil.

South Main street, adorned with perhaps more beautiful trees than any other main street in town, is the principal scene of this far-distributed havoc, the trees are being devastated at an alarming rate.

The first symptoms of trouble have been the appearance of a transparent, shiny, as clear as water, but thick as honey, after this has been on the leaf a short time the latter becomes a much darker green than before and then falls to the ground.

A resident, after inquiry and deliberation, has been anything from his neighbors, decided to invoke the aid of the State authorities. He sent specimens to the Hatch Experiment Station maintained at Amherst by the State Board of Agriculture.

This morning he received a reply, which is made public in the hope that it will stimulate private owners of maple trees to save them before they are defoliated and stimulate the town authorities to take any steps which are necessary to save the trees on the highways. The letter reads as follows:

Have New Captain

U. R. K. P. Members Select One When Deserved Promotion Is Given Their Commander.

Attleboro Company of the United States Army of the 10th Cavalry, held a well-attended meeting last evening. Charles H. Crossman was elected captain to take the place of Captain William H. Baines, resigned. Captain Baines has received an offer to become Major on the staff of General Harry D. Winslow of Brooklyn, and it is expected that he will accept a high honor as yet given his decision on the matter. At the conclusion of the meeting Captain Baines received the congratulations of his fellow members on his appointment.

Captain Crossman was installed by Captain W. Eugene Bolton of Hyde Park. Captain Bolton is a Captain and Adjutant in the Third Regiment, in which the Attleboro company is a part.

The members were notified that it is expected that the Third Regiment will have a field day on Labor Day, and it is highly probable that Plymouth will be selected as the place for it. After the business meeting the company held a fine drill under their new Captain.

AN ARMY RECRUIT!

John A. Mahoney of North Attleboro has made an application for enlistment in the United States Army through the Attleboro recruiting office. Mr. Mahoney has served three years in the cavalry branch of the army. His duty led him through the Western States. He received an honorable discharge a short time ago on the expiration of his term, but he likes the life of a soldier so well that he will re-enlist.

He will be examined either this afternoon or to-morrow morning by Dr. J. W. Battershall, who is the

Amherst, Mass., July 14. (Reut. Soc. Telegram.)

The deposit on the leaves of the maples is a secretion known as honey dew, and is produced by plant lice, which have been particularly abundant this year. It is of no importance, though a fungus often gets into it to grow and turn it black. The plant lice, however, are injurious, sucking the juices from the leaves and causing them to curl up and when considerably dried to fall off.

These pests, which are most abundant on the under side of the leaves, can be destroyed by spraying thoroughly with kerosene emulsion made according to the directions enclosed, care being taken to hit every one, as far as possible, with the spray.

Yours truly,
H. T. FERNALD,
Associate Entomologist.

Kerosene Emulsion.
Recipe: One-half pound hard soap, shaved fine, one gallon water, two gallons kerosene.

Dissolve the soap in the water, which should be boiling, remove from the fire and pour it into the kerosene while hot. Churn this with a spray pump till it changes to a creamy, then to a soft butterlike mass. Keep this as a stock, using one part in nine of water for soft bodied insects such as plant lice, or stronger in certain cases.

physician at the recruiting station, Corporal Peter DeGroot, who has charge of the Attleboro station expects that Captain Frier, who has the supervision of all the recruiting stations in this vicinity will make his weekly inspection to-morrow.

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND.

The usual quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. has been declared by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, payable September 30. The directors have elected Augustus S. May of Bridgeport Treasurer to succeed the late W. L. Squire. Thomas F. Paradise was appointed Assistant Treasurer and Charles H. Hempstead transfer clerk, all three being promotions.

TO RUSH THE WORK.

This morning there was received at the Attleboro freight house two cars of poles consigned to the Rhode Island Company. They are to be used for work on the North Attleboro branch. For some time the work on the branch has been delayed through the lack of poles. Now that a consignment of them has been received it is expected that the work will be rushed with all possible speed.

BERRIES SCARCE.

In line with the announcements of the scarcity of fruit comes the statement that in Attleboro blueberries and blackberries will be very scarce this year. Ordinarily at this period the bushes would be loaded with both ripe and green berries. This year, however, the pickers state that neither ripe or green berries are to be found in any abundance.

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