Chapter 29

1. Describe the appearance of both the committee members who arrive on horseback and the soldiers stationed at the camp. Cite evidence that supports each group’s description. How is the appearance of the committee men ironic compared to that of the soldiers?
“‘Mebbe they’ll send us home,’ Eben whispered to me. ‘Just until the winter ends.’
Silvenus shook his head. ‘They’ll write reports and drink Madeira in front of a blazing fire.
Instead of making any decisions, they’ll form another committee.’” (144)

What does this conversation reveal about Silvenus’s feelings about congress with regard to the soldiers? From the evidence so far in these past chapters, do you agree or disagree with his opinion? Explain.