

THE WAR DAY BY DAY

Fifty Years Ago.

November 8, 1863—Gen. Lee's Army, Having Lost 2,000 Men Captured and Its Defensive Works on the Rappahannock, the Day Before, Fell Back Behind the Rapidan River, Which It Was Never to Cross Again—Lee's Melancholy.

(Written expressly for The Herald.)



GEN. ROBERT E. LEE, C. S. A.

(From a painting by Cornelius Heston, in the State Capitol at Nashville, Tenn.)

The movement of Lee's army 15 years ago today marked the true turning point of the war. It was the end of Lee's bold offensive campaigning. Henceforth he was to be the "Grand Old Man of the Confederacy," fighting doggedly, yet hopelessly against the unrelenting blows of Northern armies.

Fifty years ago today Gen. Lee's army, having lost 2,000 men captured and its defensive works at the railroad bridge on Rappahannock the day before, fell back behind the Rapidan River, which it was never to cross again.

Lee had made his last advance, when in October he marched rapidly toward Washington, reaching Bristoe Station, four miles from Manassas. Meade had outmarched him and checked him in a fight at Bristoe, and Lee had fallen back behind strong works on the Rappahannock.

Here, on November 7, Meade had made an unexpected attack, "snapping up two brigades," in the words of a Southern writer, and securing a lodgment for three of his corps on the south side of

Their troops were well clothed and well fed. Lee's army of about 50,000 effective were shivering in rags, under the raw blasts and cold winds of November, and were hungry.

The position of the Confederate army was not a strong one in which to give battle. It had been chosen for want of a better.

It was therefore a kindly Providence that dropped a veil of fog between the Federal and Lee fifty years ago today.

Lee's "Deep Melancholy."

Not being able to learn whether Lee still held his line on the south side of the river, Gen. Meade determined to bring up the three corps of his left wing, which had crossed the river at Kelly's Ford while the fighting was going on at the Rappahannock Railroad crossing, to force Lee out of his position.

The day was spent in the moving of these troops. When they arrived, they set the scene of the fight of the day before they found only the debris of abandoned camps. Lee's army was already near Culpeper and its wagon trains were crossing the Rapidan, over which the troops were in motion in retreat.

Meade was now in the position of the victorious leader of jubilant troops, while "Gen. Lee retired before him," writes J. E. Cooke, Lee's biographer, "with a heavy heart and a deep melancholy, which, in spite of his great control over himself, was visible in his countenance."

Just thirty days had passed since he had put his troops in motion in the same county of Culpeper to march toward Washington, in the hope of turning the Federal flank and forcing a battle on ground of his own choosing.

In that time he had won his army down in strength, had gained nothing, and when he believed the Federals would make no further movement, he had lost, in a few minutes, 2,000 men, seven regimental standards and 502 guns.

The effect of the affair at the river was marked in both armies. The Federals reported their victory in glowing language. The papers of the day gave a personal interest that was lacking in grander battle scenes like those of Gettysburg.

The man who had taken prisoners or slain an enemy at the bayonet's point had something concrete to recall when the heat of battle was over. Many were the thrilling tales of the fight being told in the Federal camp fifty years ago today.

The glory of the day centered in the Sixth Maine and Fifth Wisconsin Regiments. The other regiments of the Second and Third Brigades of Gen. Dan A. Russell's division of the Sixth Corps had done noble service, but these two regiments had led the way into the Confederate works. They had lost heavily, particularly the Maine Regiment, but they had made a glorious record for dash and bravery.

An example of incidents of the day written into the records is found in the following paragraphs from the reports of Maj. George Fuller, who after the wounding of Lieut. Col. Benjamin F. Harris, who fell with a shattered hip while leading his men, commanded the regiment.

"Sergeant Otis O. Roberts, of Company H, with only five men, rushed upon the color bearer of the Eighth Louisiana Regiment who was in the midst of his color company, and after a hand-to-hand conflict, in which the bayonet was freely used, succeeded in capturing the colors and compelling the whole company to surrender."

"Private Robinson Kitching and Thomas W. Chick, of Company B and Private Lawrence O. Laughlin, of Company G, pursued the enemy to the river, and after a hand-to-hand conflict, during which they were severely wounded, they had made a glorious record for dash and bravery."

To this for only was due the delivery of the Confederate army from the trial of a general engagement. That a great battle would have resulted disastrously to it was probable. The Federals had more men by nearly 20,000.

The weak point in the defense he thus described: "The valley in front of the line concealing his retreat, as it could sweep the crest of the opposite hill at a short range. The darkness of the night and the fear of injuring our own men prevented Gen. Early from making it."

"The loss of the position made it necessary to abandon the design of attacking the force that had crossed at Kelly's Ford, and the army was withdrawn to the only tenable line between Culpeper Courthouse and the Rappahannock, where it remained during the succeeding day (November 8). The position not being regarded as favorable, it returned the following night to the south side of the Rapidan."

For Gen. Lee aggressive movements were at an end. Henceforth he must fight on the defensive, governing his movements by those of his enemy.

Tomorrow—Capture of Important Confederate Papers.

Using Old Tablecloths and Napkins.

Old tablecloths of linen may be made into napkins, but napkins made of heavy table linen are neither good looking nor pleasant to use. A tablecloth made of heavy linen in fair condition will make hemstitched covers for the sideboard and serving table, or for bedspreads. If it is fairly heavy, the odds and ends can be used for plate and tumbler doilies, either scalloped on the edges or finished with linen lace or lace braid.

NEW-DAY PRAYER.

Henry Van Dyke, in "Ladies Home Journal," says that from the bed, "You look to God who shows your eyes." "Over this in the morning light," "I lift my hands and my eyes," "In the mighty eyes of heaven."

Lord, the mercies of this day
Call us to an unfeigned work,
Let us daily take the meek,
Give us strength to bear up here,
Thou our guide and helper be—
"I will trust through with Thee."

WOMAN AND THE HOME

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THE WARNING BELL ON BOTTLES OF POISON

By FRANCIS SHAFER.

With almost an epidemic of fatal mistakes in the use of bichloride of mercury tablets, and while we are waiting for a practical regulation of the sale of this deadly drug, it is interesting to note the neat little device one woman has adopted as a warning, so instant that none but the deaf can fail to hear it.

She holds the post of superintendent at the Kansas City Hospital, and, of course, along with the rest of us, she has followed rather closely the tragic details attending some of the accidental use of this insidious poison in several pathetic cases of late. Fearing that one of the forty-odd nurses, some of them only probationers, might stumble upon the wrong medicine, particularly at night, and administer to a patient a dose of the poison from which there seems to be no appeal, she tied a little tinkling bell to all bottles containing the tablets; and, not satisfied with some safeguards about the use of this particularly virulent poison, it seems rather timely to call attention to her manner of attacking the problem.

All sorts of suggestions have been advanced to make the bottles distinctive. One has suggested a uniform bottle of dark color, with a warning skull blown in the glass and the word "poison" embossed in big, raised letters. But when a sleepy-headed mortal searches for a bottle for a particular medicine, one little tinkling bell would do more to arouse him to the presence of poison than all the skulls and signs that a bottle might carry.

And of all the formal safeguards that have been brought forward, none has appealed with quite the directness and effectiveness that mark the little bell. It is easy enough to theorize that poisons should be kept by themselves, away from all possible chances of being taken for something harmless, but in the best regulated hospitals and homes blunders will creep in once in a while.

And one smiles as she reads about it, because, as a woman, she knows that it is well enough to call upon Congress for a uniform bill to regulate the sale, the bottles and all, but meanwhile it is safer to get right to the point and attach a bell that will warn in the darkness of night, without waiting to examine the label, the skull and the crossbones.

And it is well enough to say that poisonous drugs should not be mixed with every-day medicines, but while we wait for their practical theories, are arguing it out, a woman goes to work and makes a blunder well-nigh impossible.

Perhaps it was intuition that whispered the way.

Women Have Inventive Geniuses.

It is often said that women have no inventive genius at all, and that they accept their working tools just as they find them; but as one peeps into kitchens and pantries where household work is going on, one finds many an ingenious contrivance that, if patented, might make a stir in the world of smaller inventions.

And one suspects that more than one invention came about from noting an original scheme devised by a woman all in the work of the day, unused and unheard of until it blossomed forth as a patented something to simplify work in the home.

But, matter who thinks out and works out the little and the great devices for simplifying work and for safeguarding lives, and no matter what hospitals and other institutions may do to lessen the danger of fatal mistakes in the use of drugs, one can only commend the adoption of the little warning bell in homes where poisons stand around.

One may forget the shape, the size or the color of a bottle, may fail to

see the skull, may forget which side the shelf is devoted to poisons, which to the general collection, but one cannot escape the call of the bell. And, in homes where children and careless grown folk abound, the only safe way is to "make assurance doubly sure," and securely fasten a bell upon any bottle that has a deadly dose. They are seen to need warnings that work in the dark!

And bichloride of mercury tablets have caused havoc enough.

DAME FASHION SAYS.

The soft brim hat of stitched silk or linen is popular for morning or tramping.

Chantilly lace veils in white or black are very fashionable.

Ballet collars and jabots give the finish to many of the natty linen blouses. Often a touch of black or color is seen on these neck accessories.

Heelsless slippers are gaining in favor among those who make a study of the art of dancing.

Beads continue to be used and in numerous ways. Many handsome gowns have embroidered designs wrought out of beads, while in others bead insertion or fringe is used as a finish to necks, tunics or drapery of different sorts. Beads are seen, too, as a finish to many of the shawls, whether of satin or chiffon.

A conceit of the season is to have a design on the coat wrought out in heavy self-covered cording.

Colored edgings is a finish to some of the net ruffles which mark the new lingerie.

Shirtdresses of plique are worn with skirts of tulle or organza. Of course the new plique is much more supple than the material of the same name so popular several years ago.

Sweaters made in combination of colors familiar in the blazers are seen at many of the summer resorts. The knitted scarf is frequently worn at an adjunct to the sweater, the fashion being taken from England.

YOUTHFUL FASHIONS.

The styles of the coming winter are peculiarly suited to the young girl. Only the face of the young girl can wear the full-trimmed skirts, the wide belts, the shawls draped around the hips that are now the favorites of fashion. Only a youthful face looks well in the pliant little hats that are pulled down over one eye and are turned up exactly in the back. Chiffons, tulle, and filmy lace, which are promised an immense vogue this year, are all the adornment of youth.

The girl who cannot find something suitable, sturdy and smart to wear will, indeed, be a stupid person.

A simple but lovely little evening gown is of pale pink chiffon, with a draped skirt and bodice. Another seen recently was of white tulle, with silver and sparkling diamonds embroidery.

The dress had a decollete outlined at the back with a ruching of white tulle, and the sleeves were finished with a net-work of crystals and fine silver beads. A fringe of silver and crystal beads fell from the waist in front, the long strands of which were parted and looped to the shoulders, and the skirt under motifs of crystal and pearl embroidery.

The skirt was tight at the hem and it was slit up at the back over fine white net. A ruffle of white tulle on the shoulders gave an Elizabeth effect, which was very pretty.

GIFT BOX.

A gift intended for his majesty the baby was in such a dainty box that one could not help but linger over it in pleasure of its contents. The box was of cream paper, with a picture of a cunning little baby in every conceivable form.

The box had first been covered with a cream paper, then pictures of babies were pasted on, and the box was lined with water colors, and a few pen strokes were added to the background in the form of dashes or clouds. In this way the pictures became part of the background and looked as though they had been drawn directly on the box and not pasted. It was really a most artistic-looking box—just the receptacle for a baby's gift.

Motion pictures were the chief amusement last evening in Hitchcock Hall, at the Government Hospital for the Insane, when the regular weekly entertainment was given for the inmates and employees. Dr. Alfred Glascock was in charge of the entertainment and music was furnished by the hospital orchestra.

Minneapolis, Nov. 4, Improved Order of Red Men of Anacostia, held a meeting last night in the local Masonic Hall and adjourned to participate in the carnival being conducted by the Anacostia M. E. Church.

Rev. W. O. Boone, Jr., rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, delivered his lecture on church history last evening.

Twenty young people, members of the Sunday school of the Congress Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, appeared in a play last evening in the town hall, at Alabama Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Frazer last night entertained the members of the Friendly League of Anacostia at their home in Maple View Place.

The judges of the baby show, conducted by the special committee at the carnival of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church in the local Masonic hall have announced the following winners: Helen Earnshaw, the four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Earnshaw, of Valley Street, first prize; Catherine Hammar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hammar, second prize; Helen Lingner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Lingner, third prize.

HARBOR FRONT INSPECTED.

The District Commissioners inspected the harbor front yesterday afternoon as guests of former Commissioner John A. Johnston, on his yacht Trident. Gen. Johnston especially was interested in the improvement of the water front during the latter days of his administration. It is understood that the present board has asked for \$2,000 for the preparation of plans for such improvement.

Engineer officials designate the present conditions of the water front as a "disgrace to the National Capital." The wharves are declared unwholesome, unsanitary, and unsafe in point of resistance to fire.

Members of the wharf committee have brought to the attention of the Commissioners that it will be necessary to rebuild all the wharf structures in the near future, and that this should be done according to some general plan. Dr. G. G. Gorges, chief clerk of the Engineer Department; D. E. McCann, engineer of bridges, and Russell Dunn, harbor master, compose the committee.

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WHO EVER HEARD OF SUCH THINGS?

New York, Nov. 7.—When arraigned in court here, charged with being intoxicated, Dr. George L. Dolbert told the magistrate that he had made himself intoxicated to determine the effects of alcohol. The court told him he should confine his experiments to the house, and discharged him.

Yonkers, N. Y., Nov. 7.—A pear tree is in bloom on the premises of D. R. Dedrick. Raspberries and strawberries also are ripe in the garden of W. M. Townsend.

New York, Nov. 7.—After traveling 14,000 miles, a committee from the Lewis Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, finally selected the Rev. Frank I. Hazen, of Providence, R. I., to succeed their present pastor.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 7.—Although living only twenty miles apart, Mrs. Margaret Dawson, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Mary Jamison, of Harrisonville, have just met for the first time in thirty-eight years. Both are around eighty, and neither was ever "much on visiting."

New York, Nov. 7.—Declaring that he was humiliated just \$5,000 worth when his landlady demanded "that board money" from him in the presence of others, Terry L. Pritchard, filed a suit for that amount in the Supreme Court here against Mrs. Theresa Kelley.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 7.—When told by two highwaymen to "throw up his hands," Abram Stein, a local merchant, did so, and held a roll of \$55 in one of them while the robbers searched him and got 50 cents.

Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 7.—Six brothers of Patrick Groden acted as pallbearers and another brother, celebrated mass at his funeral in St. Francis de Sales Church.

ANACOSTIA BUILDINGS

NEARING COMPLETION

New Homes Soon Will Be Occupied by Several Residents of Suburbs.

Red Men at Carnival.

Many improvements are being made to property in Anacostia. Due to new granite sidewalks, property owners are moving their fences to the new line, giving each place room to three feet more space. The bungalow for Edward J. Aiken, of the Washington Navy Yard, at 244 High Street, is about completed. It is one story in height, contains nine rooms, and will be finished in white. Mrs. Mary Rapp has made extensive additions to her home in V Street. A two-story brick residence for Herman Willer of the Government Hospital for the Insane, in High Street, is nearing completion. A \$3,000 brick home is being added to the row in Valley Street, near Chester Street, by R. M. Frazer, J. E. Sanbury and John A. Johnston, who have been drawing directly on the box and not pasted. It was really a most artistic-looking box—just the receptacle for a baby's gift.

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