

THE WAR DAY BY DAY FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Dec. 9, 1863—A Confederate Force Under Gen. James Longstreet, which on December 4 had abandoned the Siege of Knoxville and begun a Retreat to Virginia, was Halted at Rogersville, East Tennessee—Longstreet Decides to Winter in East Tennessee.

(Written expressly for The Herald.)

Fifty years ago today a Confederate force under Gen. James Longstreet, which on December 4 had abandoned the siege of Knoxville, in East Tennessee, and begun a retreat to Virginia, was halted at Rogersville, sixty miles northeast from Knoxville.

It was the intention of Gen. Longstreet to remain at Rogersville for a few days only, in order to procure a sufficient supply of meat to place his men on full rations. Since the Confederates had entered East Tennessee to operate against the Federal forces under A. F. Burnside, they had been severely handicapped by want of adequate provisions for men and animals.



GEN. G. MOXLEY SORREL. (From a photograph in the Massachusetts Loyal Legion Collection.)

Gen. Sorrel was Longstreet's Chief-of-Staff and trusted confidant. His memoirs present an intimate picture of the brave and skillful Confederate leader in action.

When the Confederates attempted to secure it, they met with unpropitious success. Their heavy baggage and their horses and mules were left behind. They had left Knoxville and gone into the more productive counties of Northeastern Tennessee. The Confederate foragers gathered considerable quantities of wheat, corn, and other grains, and Gen. Longstreet halted fifty years ago today at Rogersville, where there were mills to grind meal for the army.

Station by blocking the road in their rear with strong cavalry force and the pass through the mountains with infantry. He then was to advance down the valley and attack them in front.

The Federal force at Beans Station consisted of three regiments of cavalry and mounted infantry under Gen. James M. Shackelford. Against this force Longstreet sent six brigades of cavalry and three brigades of infantry. The Confederates were to pass down on the north side of Clinch Mountain and prevent the escape of the Federalists by way of the mountain passes.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, highlighting its benefits for women's health and its status as a 'Don't Look Old Before Your Time' remedy.

ARMY ENGINEERS WANT FUNDS FOR D. C. WORK

Gen. Bizby's Report Asks Appropriation of \$95,000 for Potomac and Anacostia Rivers.

TASKS ARE ALMOST COMPLETED

Congress is asked for \$95,000 for improvement and maintenance of the Potomac and Anacostia River channels by Gen. W. H. Bizby, chief of army engineers, in his annual report. Of this amount, \$75,000 is wanted during the next fiscal year for dredging, sea wall work, and other general work for the Anacostia River, and \$20,000 for the maintenance of channels, sea walls, inlet and outlet gates for the Potomac.

ANACOSTIA CITIZENS WANT NEW TAX PLAN

Civic Body Will Consider Fight for Change of Taxation System at Meeting.

A change in the present system of taxation in the District will claim the attention of the citizens of Anacostia Highlands tonight, when the civic body of that suburb meets. Several times the association has gone on record as favoring a change, and has appointed a special committee whose purpose was to investigate the present system and to propose a new one.

FUNERAL OF CANAL ENGINEER

Lieut. Col. David Du Bose Giffard Buried in Arlington. Funeral services for Lieut. Col. David Du Bose Giffard, the army engineer whose genius made possible the digging of the Panama Canal through the Isthmus of Panama, were held at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, yesterday afternoon.

CUSTOMER FOR UNCLE SAM

Child Wants to Get Panama Hat as Christmas Gift. A little girl eight years old living in Seattle, Wash., in a letter received by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo yesterday asked if Uncle Sam has any Panama hats for sale.

Public Utilities First Report

The first annual report of the Public Utilities Commission, which is to be submitted to Congress in February, will contain complete details of the investigation into the methods of financial administration of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, the investigation of the Federal and Terminal Taxicab companies, and of the proceedings instituted for the dissolution of the Washington Gas Light Company.



SPORTSMAN'S IDEAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Actress, Editor, and Caterer Offer Their Ideal Menus, Respectively. What, in your opinion, is an ideal Christmas dinner for sportsmen? The question was put some time ago to a number of celebrities by the editor of an English magazine, and the result yielded one of the most interesting and varied collections of menus ever published.

PRACTICAL COAT.

Boiled Fish (Turbot or Cod), Calf's Head, with Parsley and Lemon Sauce. Roast Turkey, Chicken, or Duck. Green Vegetables (no Potatoes). Salad in Season. The minimum quantity of Christmas Pudding. (No Mince Pie). Stewed Fruit. Cheese and Biscuits. Apples. Grapes. Oranges.

Contentment Not Dependent Upon a Royal Income

By FRANCES SHAFER. "The cost of living"—that depends! It depends quite largely upon the amount of money in the background. Of course some well-supplied folk, with ever-bulging pocketbooks, think nothing at all of the mid little expenditure of \$2,000 a year, which a fifteen-year-old girl in New York modestly asserts is quite necessary for her wants, and to carry her along in manner befitting her station.

Advertisement for Skinnerson's 'The Store of the Christmas Spirit' featuring various furs and coats.

Advertisement for Sensational Sale of Warm Furs, listing prices for various fur sets and coats, such as \$40 to \$55 Fur Sets to Go for \$29.50.

Advertisement for PRINCE LOSES HIS SUIT, mentioning a Supreme Court decision regarding a Baltimore man's suit.

Advertisement for New Row of Colonial 8-Room HOMES, priced at \$6,000, with terms of \$500 cash and only three left.

Advertisement for H.R. Howenstein Co. featuring a large illustration of a house and text describing the company's offerings and location at 1314 F St. N. W.

Advertisement for 'This New Illustrated Book For Every Reader' titled 'CERTIFICATE OF PRESENTATION PANAMA AND THE CANAL', presented by the Washington Herald, Dec. 9.