

TATTERED SIGNAL FLAGS ARE USED

Flash Messages at Reunions as They Did During the Civil War.

LIEUT. GEORGE C. ROUND IS ACTIVE IN THE WORK

President of U. S. Veteran Signal Corps Association Heads Commemoration Movement.

Torn and worn signal flags, used to flash the strategic messages of the civil war from mountain top to mountain top, are today taking a place of equal honor with the battle flags sacred with the awful memories of that great contest.

Thanks to the untiring work of the United States Veteran Signal Corps Association, the service of the signal men is beginning to be more and more appreciated.

Small in number, but uniting in their effort to place the signal corps of the civil war firmly on the rolls of fame, the survivors of the adventurous band of flagmen have in the last few months climbed to tremendous heights in the estimation and admiration of the American people by the manner in which they chose to commemorate the spirit of friendship which has grown between the two sections of the country since the close of the war.

Flags Used This Year.

At Gettysburg and at Chattanooga the tattered signal flags of priceless value have been used this year to wig-wag verses of blessing and peace from mountain to mountain. The same flags whose every dip meant some bloody, frightful move of battle have this year been used to speak the words of the Prince of Peace.

A most persistent member of the Veteran Signal Corps Association is Lieut. George Carr Round, now of Manassas, Va., and recently president of the organization. He is actively engaged in perpetuating the memories of the signal corps of war time, and what is pronounced one of the most beautiful achievements of Lieut. Round and the association, is the series of reunions occurring between the signal men of both armies. This was a quiet feature of the Gettysburg celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle and also at the Chattanooga gathering of the G. A. R.

Flashed Peace Words.

On the last day of the Gettysburg event, Lieut. Round arranged an appropriate ceremony for the close of that wonderful week of reunion, and flashed "Peace" with the tattered signal flags.

Round top, while an answer, waved with a fifty-year-old signal flag, came from a neighboring height. At Chattanooga, a few weeks ago he re-established a signal station at the tip of Kenesaw mountain. It was from that station that Gen. Sherman's famous message to Gen. Corse, at Georgia, was sent: "Hoarse, hoarse, I'm coming." Confederates occupied the mountain first when Johnson's army was retreating into Alabama before Sherman's hosts. After the Federal capture of the mountain it was used as one of the links in the great chain of signal stations.

Lieut. Round now owns the flag which flashed the first relay of that famous message. It has been until recently in the custody of the state of Pennsylvania and a curio seeker has stolen a large piece from it.

The old-time signal men are extremely proud of their ceremonies at Chattanooga.

Messages Sent Each Day.

On each day of the encampment a significant message was flashed from some point around which the wartime memories cling with never dying tenacity.

The first of these messages, flashed at high noon by Lieut. George Carr Round, was on Lookout mountain, and his assistant was Robert M. Green of Oroville, Cal., who was a flagman in Lieut. Round's division on the dome of the North Carolina state capitol in April, 1865. The message on the first day was taken from the verse of George D. Prentice:

Historic mount, baptized in flame and blood, The name is immortal as the rocks That crown'd by thunderbolts thy royal brow.

On the second day Lieut. Round and Capt. B. L. Goulding, the latter an old-time member of the Confederate Signal Corps, exchanged signals across Chattanooga. It was one of the features of the encampment, carrying with it the history which now marks the bond between the once bitter fighters of the two armies. The two signal men exchanged Charles Wesley's verse, beginning:

Blow ye the trumpet, blow; The year of jubilee is come.

"Banner Still Waves."

Upon the third day Capt. Goulding took his station on Cameron hill, with a white and red flag, and in the code of his century ago he wig-wagged:

Oh, say, does the star-spangled banner still wave? Lieut. Round, with his United States signal veterans standing on the tip of Lookout mountain, responded with waving flags.

The star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Following this, the two famous signal men opened twin stations across Cameron Hill, within easy view of the city, and upon the fourth day Lieut. Round called with his flag "223-145," which was wartime code for "Confederate States." Capt. Goulding responded with the code number for "United States." Lieut. Round then flashed the inscription on the Kentucky monument at Chattanooga:

"As we are united in life and they are united in death, let one monument perch upon their deeds, and one people, forgetful of all asperities, forever hold in grateful remembrance all the glories of that terrible conflict which made all men free and retained every star on the national flag."

The Confederate veteran signal man responded: "Amen and Amen."

Tattered Flags Give Blessing.

Upon the last day of the tattered old flags given their blessing upon the veterans gathered there at the encampment, some of them for the last time. Just as he waved the final message upon Little Round Top in the recent wonderful fiftieth anniversary of Gettysburg, Lieut. Round saw to it that his famous flags should give their blessing upon the folded tents of the Chattanooga assemblage of wartime heroes. With Lieut. Round this time was Sergt. Crowl of Massachusetts.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord lift up on the light of his countenance and give us peace, now and forever more.

Off on Cameron Hill, Capt. Goulding caught the message, and responded: "Peace, now and evermore! Amen!"

"Gen." Coxe Denied a Hearing.

"Gen." Jacob S. Coxe, leader of the army of the unemployed which visited Washington in 1864, having failed to get a hearing on the currency bill before the Senate committee, is now on his way back to Massillon, Ohio, where he makes his headquarters. He appealed to the Ohio senators yesterday to be given a hearing on the currency measure, but was discouraged by them.

OLD BATTLE SIGNAL FLAGS USED TO SEND MESSAGES OF PEACE.



War-time signal station re-established on Kenesaw mountain September 13, 1914. The large flag is the one used to wig-wag the famous signal "Hold the fort!" "Yes, comrade." Lieut. Round (with beard) and P. F. Harburt (holding small flag).



War-time signal station on Umbrella rock, Lookout mountain, re-established recently by Lieut. George Carr Round (seated).

ROCKVILLE AND COUNTY NEWS ITEMS AND NOTES

Pastor Apologizes to Congregation for Marrying a Divorced Person.

Special Correspondence of The Star. ROCKVILLE, Md., October 11, 1913. Because he inadvertently officiated at the marriage of a divorced person, Rev. Thomas Dugan, pastor of the Episcopal Church here, apologized to his congregation from the pulpit. He explained that it was due entirely to an oversight and assured his hearers that the offense would not be repeated.

Francis Layton Thomas, of Frederick, Md., and Miss Otella Keeler of Rockville, Md., were married in Rockville yesterday afternoon, leaving for Washington immediately after the ceremony.

Mrs. Virginia Cooper, fifty-four years old, died yesterday morning at St. Barnard's Sanitarium, at Washington Grove, where she had been under treatment for an affection of the lungs. Her home was in Norfolk, Va. where the body was sent, following funeral services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rockville, this afternoon.

School Association Formed.

A Home and School Association has been organized among the patrons of the Kennington Grammar School, with a large membership and the following officers: President, William E. Birgfeld; vice president, Mrs. R. H. Chappell; secretary, Mrs. James H. Richie; treasurer, Charles R. Rowdybush.

A contest is in progress for the appointment as postmaster of Rockville to succeed Willis B. Burdette, whose term expires next February. The applicants are Joseph Reading, J. Alby Henderson, Thomas C. Groomer, William T. Griffith and Mrs. John Maddox.

The powers that be have given no indication as to their choice and the people are very much at sea as to who the lucky one will be. The office pays \$1,700 a year.

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers of real estate were recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here during the week as follows: Alexander Kilgour, trustee, to Clifford L. Howard, 120 acres; Abram K. Keefer to Thomas E. Watkins, 117 acres; Hosea M. Nicholls to Roy M. Nicholls, 35 acres; Roy M. Nicholls and others to Hosea M. Nicholls, 15 acres; Clara H. Boyer to Richard J. Brown, 3 acres; William M. Atwood to James E. Magruder, 1/2 acre; Mattie C. Turner to Jacob S. Gruver, lot at Chevy Chase; Sophie M. Bushby to Louis J. Saunders, lot at Takoma Park; R. Holt Easley to William J. Widmyer, lot at Silver Spring; Clarence H. Hoskinson to E. W. Murray, lot at Glen Echo; Brainerd H. Warner to Edwin M. Bliss, lot in Kensington Park; Lillian E. Metz to Isabel M. Murray, lot; Annie E. Murray to Edwin M. Bliss, lot at Causin Condit to Helen C. Condit, property near Silver Spring; Cyrus Nisler to Herbert C. Walthers, lot in Highland Park; Thomas M. Gale to Emanuel Speich, lot at Chevy Chase.

Col. Spencer Goes South.

Col. Spencer C. Jones, who is recovering from a serious illness, left during the week for New Orleans, to spend several months with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. Richard Falvey.

Col. and Mrs. L. Marvin Maus of Governors Island, N. Y., have been visiting relatives in Rockville. At the monthly meeting of the Burden Bearer Circle of the King's Daughters Mrs. Maus gave a talk on "Jerusalem."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Finley and daughter, Miss Blus Finley, who spent the summer here, have returned to Washington.

The annual supper for the benefit of the Rockville Union Cemetery Association will be held in the town hall next Tuesday evening. The proceeds will be applied to grading the avenues at the cemetery.

Rev. Thomas A. Haughton-Burke, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, spent the greater part of the week in New York city.

TOO MUCH WATER SHIPPED.

Food Products Carry Unnecessary Moisture, Experts Say.

Attention is called by the Department of Agriculture to what its experts declare is a very wasteful practice in America of shipping an excessive amount of water in various food products, especially corn and potatoes. These authorities declare that there is enough surplus water shipped with the corn crop each year to fill a freight train 119 miles long. This, it is said, is not only wasteful in adding to the cost of the corn, but makes a shortage of cars in the crop-moving season and lowers the grade of the corn and the consequent price paid the producer for it.

In the case of potatoes the waste is to be even larger, as the water content is higher, averaging 70 per cent. It is stated that in Germany the practice prevails of drying potatoes, especially the inferior ones, and shipping them for stock feed.

It pays to read the want columns of The Star. Hundreds of situations are filled through them.

SIXTY DISPLACED IN DEPARTMENT

Dead Letter Clerks Will Go to Post Offices Over Country.

BURLESON'S NEW ORDER RESPONSIBLE FOR SHIFT

Great Saving Will Be Effected by Change in Handling Undeliverable Mail.

Sixty clerks will be displaced from the Post Office Department as the result of the Postmaster General's order of August 5 last directing that third and fourth class parcels which heretofore have been sent to the dead letter office be sent to the fifteen post offices where the division superintendents of the railway mail service are located.

While these clerks will be eliminated from the rolls of the department, it is said, they will not lose their positions or present salary if they are content to accept positions in post offices.

The last day of September a letter was addressed to each of the clerks, stating that on account of lack of work in the dead letter office the Postmaster General had signed an order transferring them to some post office other than that at Washington. The letter requested a reply in writing whether the clerk had any preference as to the post office to which the transfer should be made, as "your wishes will be given consideration."

Nineteen Are Placed.

First Assistant Postmaster General Roper said yesterday that already nineteen of the sixty had been placed, and he had little doubt that all of them would be satisfactorily placed at their present salaries. To this end, he said, the Postmaster General would make no drafts from the civil service commission, or permit persons to be brought into the service from other departments or elsewhere until the entire sixty dead letter office clerks had been taken care of.

The change in the manner of handling undeliverable third and fourth class matter, Mr. Roper explained, was made for the sake of securing greater efficiency in the service. It was also necessary, because of the parcel post service, to save the expense of transporting parcels from distant post offices to the department.

The saving he estimated for transportation alone would amount to \$100,000, and that, as well as the saving to the bureau of the fourth assistant postmaster general, to probably a quarter of a million dollars.

Where Saving Will Come.

True, he said, as the clerks are to be still retained in another branch of the postal service, there will be no actual saving so far as their salaries are concerned, but the saving will come in making them available in the parcel post service, where an increase of clerical force from time to time as business develops is imperative.

Arrangements, he said, had been made by some clerks for a transfer to other departments by exchange with clerks who wanted to leave Washington and were favorable to a transfer to a post office of their preference.

The transfers are not looked upon as a reflection upon the efficiency of the clerks and each will be given the same chance as the others to secure a satisfactory berth, preferably in the country from which they originally came.

No body need lose his place unless he wants it, said Mr. Roper, although it is admitted their annual leave of absence will be reduced one-half.

Many of the clerks, it is said, have lived a long time in Washington and their home connections in other states have been absolutely destroyed. To these, it is said, the transfer comes with some degree of hardship, especially to old clerks who have been practically pensioned in the dead letter office because of the infirmity of age and their inability to keep up with the procession of the younger blood coming into the service.

Postmaster General Burleson's aim, it is claimed, has been to be benevolent, even though the exigencies of the service required the change that has been made, and it is said to be his desire to see every one of the former dead letter office clerks contentedly placed.

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OLD SCHOONER IS DOOMED.

George S. Richardson Will Be Torn Up for Metal in Vessel.

After forty-seven years of good service on Chesapeake bay and its tributaries in various lines of freighting work, the old schooner George S. Richardson is about to give up the ghost.

Friday her papers were surrendered to the customs officials at Baltimore and the old vessel will be destroyed for the metal that is in her.

The Richardson was launched at Snow Hill, Md., in 1866, and when first built was considered one of the handsomest sailing craft on the bay. She had a reputation for quick trips and a run from Norfolk to Baltimore in twenty-four hours is said to have been made by her several times. She registered seventy-two gross and sixty-eight net tons and was 77.8 feet long, 23.7 feet beam and six feet deep in the hold.

Tappahannock was her last sailing port and Capt. Quarles, colored, her last owner and master. The vessel will be taken back to Tappahannock to be stripped of

all articles of value, after which her hull will be wrecked for the material in it.

RECEIPTS OF CITY P. O.

Total of \$127,913.32 During September Shown by Records.

The receipts of the Washington post office for the month of September, just made public, amounted to \$127,913.32, or 14.08 per cent more than for September, 1912. They were derived from the following sources:

Sale of stamped paper, \$119,283.20; second-class postage, \$7,000.42; third-class postage paid in money, \$1,421.35; box rent, \$61.97; sale of waste material, \$99.81; surplus derived from sale of stamped paper in fractional lots, \$331.57.

The site of Randle Highlands postal station has been changed from Minnesota and Pennsylvania avenues to 2700 Minnesota avenue southeast, effective October 9. There has been no change in the clerk in charge.

If you want work, read the want columns of The Star.

NEW ROAD TO BE BUILT TO SEAT PLEASANT, MD.

Will Pass Through Thickly Settled Portions of Prince Georges County.

Special Correspondence of The Star. HYATTSVILLE, Md., October 11, 1913. The state roads commission is advertising for the construction of a macadam, concrete or bituminous concrete road on Central avenue from the District of Columbia line to Seat Pleasant, a distance of about 2.23 miles. This road passes through one of the most thickly settled portions of Prince Georges county, and for a number of years has been known as "Mud pike," owing to its condition during certain seasons of the year.

W. C. Lyon, Maryland avenue, has filed in the circuit court at Upper Marlboro an application for an injunction against the mayor and common council of Hyattsville to prevent that body from collecting an assessment levied against the property of his wife for the construction of a sewer in Maryland avenue from Arundel to Carroll avenues.

The main issue in the case is whether the assessment is illegal, as it results in taxing private property without due process of law, the Supreme Court of the United States having held that the proper method of levying assessments for improvements of this nature is to assess benefits and damages.

Interesting Will Contest.

An interesting contest is promised when the attempt is made to probate the will of Peter Moore, who died about a year ago at the home of Joseph A. Aman here. Moore left, it is said, about \$3,000 in cash to certain members of the Aman family, and relatives in Baltimore and Virginia will attempt to have the will set aside on the ground, it is said, of undue influence. Moore had lived with the Aman family for a number of years and no one knew he had any relatives until after his death.

Down funds in the hands of the treasurer of Hyattsville cannot be attached by parties having claims against persons contracting with the municipality. This principle, based upon a decision of the Maryland court of appeals, was upheld by Justice of the Peace L. O. Wiseman last night when L. L. Gray sought to attach money in the hands of Town Treasurer W. A. Shepherd claimed to be due by Harry Lewis to Gray. The latter secured judgment against Lewis for \$100 on a promissory note, and the note not being paid, Gray had an attachment issued against the town treasurer for money due Lewis on account of town work. Gray noted an appeal from the Justice's decision.

Mrs. James C. Rogers entertained the members of the Afternoon Five Hundred Club Tuesday at her home, 10 Johnson avenue. The prizes were won by Mrs. Charles H. Welsh, Mrs. Marguerite Sands and Mrs. Rogers. There were sixteen participants. Preceding the games refreshments were served.

Monday being Columbus day and a holiday in Maryland, announcement is made that there will be no session of the circuit court in Upper Marlboro. The jurors are not required to be in attendance Monday.

Mrs. Nellie Brooks entertained the Arlington Bridge Club Saturday evening. The prizes were won by Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. William Howard and Messrs. G. Sherman James and William Howard.

MESSANGER BOY HOME.

Youngster Hit by White House Automobile Is Recovering.

Robert Crawford, the fifteen-year-old messenger boy who was struck and injured by President Wilson's automobile last Saturday evening on Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and was later taken to Providence Hospital, has been removed to his home, 2202 Railroad avenue southeast. At the time the boy was taken to the hospital the physician declared that his injuries were not serious, and that he would be able to return to his home within a short time.

Miss Neal to Teach in Pittsburgh.

Miss Mary R. Neal, who recently graduated from the James Wilson Ormond Normal School, is to leave Washington today to accept a position in the kindergarten department of one of the Fitzgibbon, Pa., public schools.

Hear Lecture on Social Hygiene.

The District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs yesterday gathered in the lecture hall of the Public Library and listened to a lecture on social hygiene by Dr. Elmore C. Folkmar. This is the second of a series of lectures before this organization which Dr. Folkmar is delivering Saturdays during October.

The lecture department of one of the Fitzgibbon, Pa., public schools, at 11 o'clock in the Public Library,

To the People of Washington:

Americans everywhere are proud of the Panama Canal, an achievement without precedent in the history of the world, completed ahead of schedule time at a minimum cost and without a breath of scandal.

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The men who dug the ditch at Panama nearly all have lived here, all of them number their personal friends in Washington by the hundred.

The Evening Star believes, therefore, that in giving to its readers the opportunity to obtain at a nominal cost the first authoritative book on the Panama Canal it is rendering a service that will be appreciated.

That the book is by Frederic J. Haskin, so well known to the readers of The Evening Star by his daily letters published in this paper, is another source of gratification.

We believe that every one of our readers will have an interest in this announcement that will represent not only the patriotism of an American, but also the civic pride of a Washingtonian, and that friendship existing between ourselves and our readers.

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